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Could Shopping Center Play a Role in Housing? Some See Possibility

With the battle for age-restricted housing mired in a necessity-versus-environment stand-off, some involved in the Princeton Ridge conservation debate are calling anew for an exploration of the possibilities of building housing just down the hill, on property owned by the Princeton Shopping Center.

Roughly six acres of largely unused land lies wedged between the Princeton Shopping Center's north parking lot and Terhune Road and would appear, advocates say, to have the right ingredients for senior housing; if developed, there would be less of an immediate environmental threat, that being the primary concern of developing along the Ridge; and the site is close to amenities at the Shopping Center. Newcomers to the Princeton Ridge preservation effort enthuse of the the possibilities this land has to offer, but battle-worn housing advocates who have struggled through a bruising 15-year process of lobbying for market-rate senior housing in the Township, nod their heads in wary in agreement, while holding back on the inevitable, collective, "been there, done that."

The Princeton Shopping Center has long been viewed as a potential location not only for housing, but for redevelopment in general; yet each time the redevelopment question has been raised, it's been met, almost immediately, with enough neighbor resistance to make Shopping Center management shy away from the redevelopment prospect and focus on the facility's existing, already successful, business model.

But with vacant land at the north end of the site explicitly zoned for senior housing, the Shopping Center, with its 220,000-square-foot facility, appears ripe for redevelopment, experts say, even though several ideas for retooling the site have been floated, only to disappear as quickly as they surfaced. The most recent concept was aired in late 2003, when a Rutgers University advanced landscape architecture studio devoted a semester to redesigning Princeton's "Downtown North."

Those concepts were presented to the Regional Planning Board in 2004, only to meet swift resistance from residents assembled at Township Hall. Suggestions for the Shopping Center site ranged from placing senior housing and office space

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District Seeks Municipal Input on Valley Road

Progress has been made toward the future of the Princeton Regional Schools' Valley Road Administrative Building, described one member of the Board of Education has described as an "extremely expensive white elephant," an "albatross," and "a burden on the Princeton taxpayer."

While the full report from KSS Architects, LLP — the Witherspoon Street firm contracted by the board in June to study the site's current and future use — has not yet been made public, a resolution adopted by the board at its December meeting reveals some of the findings.

The excessive cost of renovating the oldest parts of the building, facing Witherspoon Street, have led to the conclusion that demolition as well as rehabilitation will be part of its future.

In June, the board sought to consider low-cost improvements and ways to generate revenue from areas within the building not used by the district.

December's resolution reads: "The Board of Education supports the municipal bodies' study for further investigation into the potential uses of the portion of the Valley Road site which faces Witherspoon, made possible by the demolition of the Witherspoon Street building and use of the SOC land. The Board of Education encourages the Township and Borough governing bodies to recommend options of potential uses of the Valley Road property that have no or limited negative impact on the school district budget and that are aligned with the educational mission of the district and the needs of the district's students including education, recreation and counseling."

The resolution encourages both municipal "governing bodies to recommend options of potential uses of the Valley Road property" and calls for the demolition of the oldest part of the building that faces Witherspoon Street — the section that is home to the the Township's affordable housing office and the Borough- and Township-sponsored Corner House.

Citing the Borough- and Township-owned Sewer Operating Commission property, the resolution states the purpose of redevelopment as minimizing the district's "liabilities and operating costs" while meeting the "widely acknowledged community needs that the School Board, Township and Borough leaders have set goals to address."

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Dog Task Force Disbands as Advocates Look Toward Promoting Canine Safety

Just over three months after a group of animal safety advocates appealed to the Princetons to support a group assembled to lobby for regulatory measures for potentially dangerous dogs, the group has dissolved — though it will likely re-form in the New Year.

The group's efforts had been eclipsed by the ongoing case of Congo, the Princeton Township German Shepherd that attacked a landscaper in June 2007, municipal officials said last week. The decision by a municipal judge to euthanize the dog is still pending appeal in Superior Court, but the spotlight on the Congo case has caused something of a distraction for residents looking to enhance municipal and state laws supporting dog and dog owner safety.

"It was really everything that surrounded the Congo issue, and there were concerns that we would attract protestors to our meetings," said municipal health officer David Henry, pointing to the peaceful protests organized to save Congo's life late last year.

Some individuals of the six-member task force, sanctioned by both Princeton governments last fall as a subcommittee of the Princeton Regional Health Department, said they wanted to take some time

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LOOKING TOWARD A SAFER 2008: The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad will be on the job again in the new year, their efforts chronicled in the weekly Rescue Report (see page 8). Shown here (from left) are Peter Simon, Rachel Chunko, and observer Michael Kenwood. Interested donors or volunteers should call (609) 924-3338 or visit www.pfars.org.

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"Get Up and Dance" For PHS Scholarships

The Princeton Regional Scholarship Foundation (PRSF) invites the community to its third annual "Get Up & Dance!" party on Saturday, January 26, at Princeton University's Cap and Gown Club.

The event, which will feature food, dance music, and a silent auction, aims to raise funds and awareness of the growing need for scholarships in support of Princeton High School students from Princeton and Cranbury.

Funds raised by the all-volunteer, non-profit organization will be used for need-based scholarships to PHS graduates in order to attend the college or vocational school of their choice.

During its more than 30 years of operation, PRSF has provided nearly $1,000,000 in college scholarship aid to PHS grads. Besides attending top colleges and universities such as Rutgers, Cornell, and Howard, Hampshire, Skidmore, and Bryn Mawr, recipients choose to enroll in vocational programs, art institutes, or music schools. Many become students at Mercer County Community College.

The organization supports students who are the first in their families to go to college. What all these students have in common is the determination to pursue higher education despite financial challenges.

The community-based organization, which has long relied primarily on individual contributions, is increasingly seeking support from foundations, corporations, and other sources.

Donations may be sent to Carol Golden, co-president, Princeton Regional Scholarship Foundation, c/o Princeton High School, 151 Moore Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. For more information, email us at princetonrsf@gmail.com.

6 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 6 births to area residents during the week of December 15.

Daughters were born to Sandra and Trever Selby, Princeton, December 15; Eunjin and Suchon Lee, Princeton, December 17; Mimi and Jonathan Chao, Cranbury, December 18; and Jyothi Krothapalli and Satish Myneni, Princeton, December 20.

Sons were born to Cheryl and Brian Mikita, Cranbury, December 20; Vicenta and Ronald Munoz, Princeton, December 21.

Topics In Brief
A Community Bulletin

The **Princeton Public Library** announced last week that it had received a $500,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which is part of the NEH's "We the People" funding for projects that encourage the study of U.S. history and culture. The grant is, however, conditional on the library raising $1.5 million in matching funds. The library has four years to raise the matching funds, creating a $2 million endowment to support humanities programming. Gifts made to the endowment from December 1, 2006 are eligible to be used against the match. From December 1, 2006, through December 11, 2007, the library raised $214,000 in matching gifts towards the endowment challenge. In her report to the Board of Trustees last month, library director Leslie Burger thanked Julie Borden, who wrote and submitted the successful grant proposal last May. The library can extend its campaign through 2012 if it does not meet its $1.5 fund-raising goal by 2011, library development director Dickie Ann Boal said Tuesday.

In other news, the **Princeton Public Library** has endorsed a policy to help library staff members deal with patrons who act "inappropriately." The policy, which was drafted by library board member Grayson Barber, enables library staff to ask disruptive patrons to leave and gives those individuals the ability to appeal. Staff will also be authorized to suspend the borrowing privileges of customers whose behavior prevents effective use of the library by others. Patrons determined to be serious or repeat offenders will be asked to keep off library premises unless they abide by the code of conduct.

Princeton Borough Council and Princeton Township Committee will each conduct respective reorganization meetings Sunday, January 6, at noon. The annual meeting serve as venues for the respective mayors' municipal addresses, as well as for naming appointees to governing agencies. Borough Council will hold its meeting in Council chambers at Borough Hall, and Township Committee will meet in the main meeting room at Township Hall.

The **Princeton Regional School Board** will meet on January 8 in the Valley Road Administration Building to discuss the "Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials." The meeting will be closed to the public and no action will be taken. The next public meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria at John Witherspoon Middle School.

County officials confirmed this week that **Big Sky Airlines**, a commercial airline operating as a partner of the Delta Airlines Connection service, which includes flights from Trenton-Mercer Airport, has announced its intention to cease its East Coast operations as of January 7, 2008. The airline had been offering three roundtrip flights a day on weekdays, two roundtrip flights on Sundays, and one roundtrip flight on Saturdays between Trenton and Boston's Logan International Airport. Big Sky began operations out of Trenton-Mercer in April 2007. A legal notice filed by the company at the U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C. cited "severe financial distress due to continuing, extensive and unsustainable losses" in the competitive Northeast corridor as its reason for eliminating the Trenton-to-Boston service.

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CLASSIC COMEDY: Short films featuring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy will be among those included in the Arts Council of Princeton's eighth annual "Classic Comedy Cavalcade" this Saturday, January 5, at 3 p.m. in the conTEMPORARY Arts Center, 301 N. Harrison Street. Film historian Bruce Lawton will provide a "behind the scenes" commentary about all facets of the classic comedy shorts. Admission at the door is $6 for the general public and $5 for Arts Council members; children under 5 are free. For more information, call (609) 924-8777, or visit: www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Keaton and Chaplin, Laurel and Hardy Coming to Arts Council's Comedy Cavalcade

Bruce Lawton fell in love with the classic comedy routines of Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin long before he became a film historian and archivist.

The devotion to early film that began in his childhood has resulted in presentations of silent film series at festivals and in schools across the country.

This Saturday, January 5, at 3 p.m., Mr. Lawton will come to Princeton to host the Arts Council of Princeton's eighth annual "Classic Comedy Cavalcade."

He will introduce a mix of short films featuring Charlie Chaplin, Laurel & Hardy, Buster Keaton, among others, as well as animated cartoons. The films will be shown using a 16-mm projector to recreate the experience of seeing them as they were originally intended to be seen.

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In addition to providing "behind the scenes" snippets about the movies and the artists, Mr. Lawton will take questions from the audience following the program.

As a motion picture and video specialist, Mr. Lawton has produced and consulted on numerous documentaries and assisted in the restoration of Chaplin's *The Gold Rush* and Keaton's *The Cameraman*, among other classic films.

For the past five years he has co-hosted "The Silent Clowns Film Series" at The New York Historical Society.

The 90-minute program is intended to appeal to all ages. Mr. Lawton has found that the material immediately engages the children in the audience, who are frequently moved to scream out warnings. As Mr. Lawton points out, many of the on-screen exploits are real

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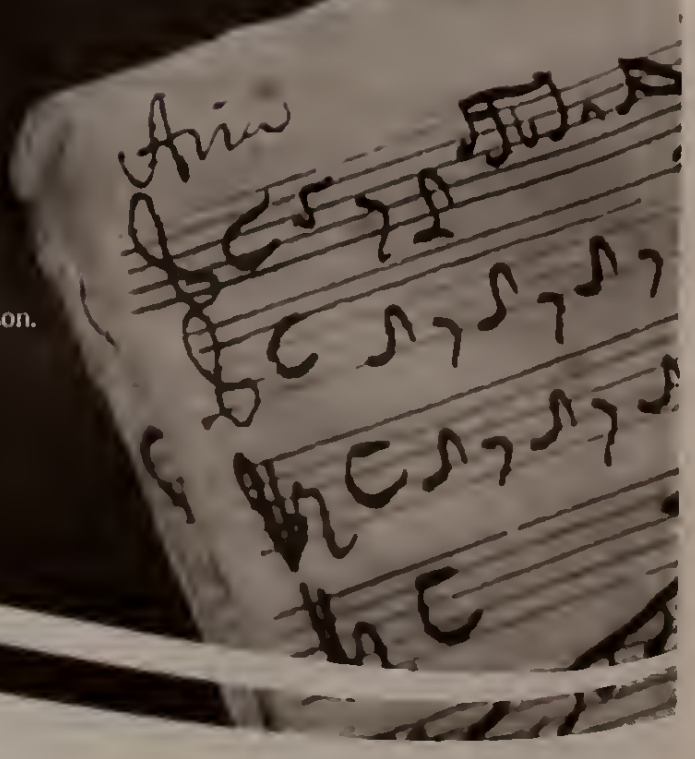

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It wasn't so long ago that the outhouse was a common household necessity. George Washington probably used the most famous outhouse, still in existence today, at Mount Vernon. Since indoor plumbing, we have gained many necessary creature comforts in that room we call the bathroom, lavatory or restroom.

You might think, it's easy to re-outfit an existing bath or install a new bathroom. Perhaps you just want to put in a toilet, sink, and bathtub. Not so fast — there are many choices, styles, colors, and types with price ranges to consider. Before you call the plumber, help is needed to tie it all together. Simply changing fixtures requires insight, time and a vast amount of know-how. Older homes with bathrooms that are original to the house are usually smaller and just barely functional. Today, that's not enough! Expanding needs require more space, storage, and elaborate bells and whistles from heated towel bars to showers that move with saunas or equipped with sound including TV, stereo, and the ever necessary telephone/intercom.

You may want to change the fixture layout. This isn't so difficult or costly if it's a first floor bath and you have access below the floor. The second floor bath poses more challenges. It may require removal of the first floor ceiling and probably some boxing out of walls to hide plumbing that affects the space below.

The bathroom is increasingly becoming the most highly used space, coming in right behind the kitchen. The materials you choose for the wet areas must be waterproof and mold resistant as in ceramic glazed tile for floors and walls. Although the carpet or wood floor you saw in a magazine looked pretty, keep in mind that water, wood, and carpet do not make for a good mixture. The fixtures you choose should be durable, manufactured by a company with a good track record and readily available to your designer. I don't dictate whether to use a shower or tub or what faucets and fixtures to use; rather, we consider a multitude of factors to give options fitting every budget and your own personal style. One house I worked on called for me to outfit and design fourteen different bathrooms — that's 14 scenarios and themes! A theme is a good place to start from Victorian claw-foot soaking tubs to Italian vineyard landscapes and everything in between. Some clients want their bathroom to be a real workhorse while others want the frivolous secluded boudoir. It can be equipped with a boot scrubber or niches for marble statues. The possibilities are endless!

Due to size and budget constraints, it is best to get help with the layout options and plans incorporating an overall theme with your architect. I work closely with knowledgeable showroom/plumbing supply houses whose integrity stands behind product experience while maintaining impeccable reputations. You don't want a "box store" where you never see or talk to the same person twice and production selection is limited, on backorder or discontinued.

Whether you simply need help with new fixtures or an entire redo, I can help walk you through the process from start to finish. Remember — design first with layout and theme, and the necessary plumbing second. Then, prepare to be showered with the latest in innovation while creating your own splash with a sprinkling of designer know-how. Feel free to call me to arrange an hourly consultation for any items discussed in my columns or for any of your property problems you may be experiencing, and I'll help conquer your uncertainties with my everyday design solutions.

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Keaton and Chaplin

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and not computer-generated "special effects."

"It's an active, not a passive, kind of engagement," said Mr. Lawton. "A lot of the elements of the joke are there, but you have to add what's missing from your imagination — the color, the sound, the dialogue."

The show will begin on Saturday, January 5, at 3 p.m., at the conTEMPORARY Arts Center in the Princeton Shopping Center.

Admission to the program — including popcorn! — is $6 at the door ($5 for Arts Council members); children under 5 are free. The Arts Council is currently located in the Princeton Shopping Center at 301 N. Harrison Street.

For more information, please call (609) 924-8777 or visit the Arts Council's web site: www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

—Linda Arntzenius

DEADPAN AS EVER: Buster Keaton's special style of comedy will be featured in the Arts Council of Princeton's "Classic Comedy Cavalcade" this Saturday, January 5, at 3 p.m., in the conTEMPORARY Arts Center at the Princeton Shopping Center on Harrison Street. For more information, call (609) 924-8777, or visit: www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Washington Crossing Offers Winter Programs

Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville is offering a variety of free nature programs in January. Some programs require registration and attendance is limited. Programs will commence at the Nature Center unless otherwise indicated and an adult must accompany all children. In the event of inclement weather some programs might be canceled so it is always advisable to call ahead before coming out. These events are intended for families and individuals only. Programs for scouts, schools and other groups are scheduled separately by special arrangement.

A winter nature walk will take place on Saturday, January 5 from 1- 2 p.m. This will be a short informal hike. There will be a free nature video on wildlife in Antarctica on Sunday, January 6 at 1:30 p.m.

A program for 5 to 8 year olds called Nature in Me will take place on Sunday, January 13, from 1:30–2:30 p.m. Participants will be asked questions about how they fit into the world of nature. With the help of a parent or other adult, children will trace and cut out a life sized paper outline of themselves. They will then fill in the empty space with appropriate pictures and illustrations cut from old nature magazines in this fun nature craft activity.

There will be an Appalachian Trail Baldpate Mountain hike for preteens to adults on Sunday January 20, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Hikers should meet at the parking lot by Neiderer's Pond (Church Rd). Registration is required and participants should bring a water bottle and wear hiking shoes.

The last event in January will be a video on the White tail Deer life cycle which will be held on Sunday, January 27 at 1:30 p.m. For additional information or to register for an event call (609) 737-0609.

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Former Kindergarten Teacher Joan Almon Stresses Child's Play as Vital at Waldorf

Joan Almon

"In too many schools, play has become a four-letter word," according to Joan Almon, a former Waldorf kindergarten teacher for 20 years and the author of numerous papers on the vital role of play in early childhood.

Ms. Almon will address the issue in her talk, "The Vital Role of Play in Developing Language & Creative Thinking," on Thursday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Waldorf School of Princeton, 1062 Cherry Hill Road.

As coordinator of U.S. Alliance for Childhood, Ms. Almon is frequently called upon to spread the word about the importance of play, which is the the subject of a recently-published report by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), stressing that play and recess time are undervalued and utterly necessary.

"Creative play is a central activity in the lives of healthy children," Ms. Almon said. "Play helps children weave together all the elemenis of life as they experience it. it allows them to digest life and make it their own. It is an outlet for the fullness of their creativity and it is an absolutely critical part of their childhood."

According to the AAP, children learn primarily through play and imitation in the early years, absorbing, digesting, and experiencing the world around them through imaginative activities that help in the development of language and creative thinking skills.

But increased emphasis on testing erodes the time for unstructured play, leading to increased stress for children and parents, according to the AAP report.

"Teachers know that imaginative play is the way young children discover the world for themselves and become lifelong learners," said Ms. Almon. "But misguided policies that require increasing amounts of formal instruction — and even scripted teaching — are forcing teachers in kindergartens and preschools to do things that they know are wrong and counterproductive."

"Creative play, long considered the foundation of the early childhood curriculum, is now disappearing from preschools and kindergartens," according to Ms. Almon, whose Waldorf presentation will include an update on the latest research findings for teachers and mental health professionals, as well as parents.

Ms. Almon co-founded the Waldorf School of Baltimore and is a member of the Board of the International Waldorf Kindergarten Association as well as the Council of the U.S. Anthroposophical Society. Since 1976, she has also been an active puppeteer and member of marionette troupes presenting fairy tales to children and adults.

The event will take place in the Waldorf School's Community Room. The cost is $15 and will be limited to 100 attendees. To register, call (609) 466-1970 extension 26. For more information, visit: www.princetonwaldorf.org. For more on the Alliance for Childhood visit: www.allianceforchildhood.org.

— Linda Arntzenius

Annual Teen Science Olympiad Tournament

The Science Olympiad tournaments are academic competitions designed for high school and middle school students from a number of counties in New Jersey, including Mercer. The tournaments are aimed to honor and promote science education and the competition is all encompassing, crossing a variety of science disciplines including biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology.

The tournaments will be held at Princeton University in Jadwin, McDonnell Halls, and Fine Halls on Tuesday, January 8, between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Opposing teams from area schools will use their knowledge of science to face off in a series of interactive events and experiments in hopes of advancing to the next level of competition.

The robot ramble competition involves constructing robots that are capable of moving items and performing certain tasks. Scrambler requires students to construct mechanical devices using only the energy from a falling mass to transport an egg along a straight track, stopping as close to a terminal barrier as possible without breaking the egg. The physics lab competition involves lab activities in the areas of work, energy and power.

The event is sponsored by the Research & Development Council of New Jersey. For additional information visit www.njscienceolympiad.org

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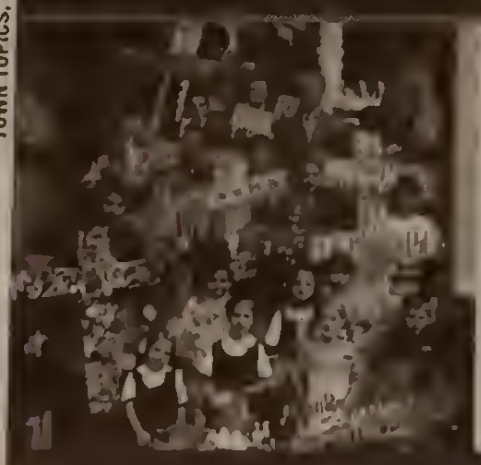
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District Seeks

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After meeting with municipal officials in December to discuss the potential collaboration, board member Alan Hegedus, who chairs the facilities committee, reported that the district will rehabilitate a third of the property, and will retain its athletic fields at the site.

The board is currently soliciting input from the municipalities about the best way to make use of the property and the site and building, parts of which date to the turn of the 20th century.

Besides district offices and Corner House, 25 Valley Road also houses Princeton Community Television and the township's affordable housing office, among others.

One possibility is the relocation of the district's bus parking to Sewer Operating Committee (SOC) lands, which both municipalities are planning to redevelop. Suggestions for future use by the Recreation Department in the form of a senior center or indoor recreation facility have also been made.

Options for the rest of the building include retaining as many of the existing functions as possible, possibly relocating Corner House upstairs, and moving the affordable housing office across the street into the municipal complex.

Prior to the 2002 move of the Township offices to their current KSS-designed location, the municipal offices were based in the Valley Road building.

The next public meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria at John Witherspoon Middle School.

—Linda Arntzenius

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Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to over 37 calls for service last week.

On Sunday, December 23, the Squad responded for a report of a smoke condition in an underground, high-voltage utility tunnel. Because initial reports suggested workers might be in the tunnel, the Squad's Confined Space Rescue personnel responded and set up operations. Fortunately, PSE&G personnel reported nobody had been in the tunnel.

On Monday, December 24, the Squad responded for an elderly man who had temporarily passed out. The patient reported that, on the advice of his doctor, he'd taken his new nitroglycerin when he wasn't feeling chest pain to "get used to the medication." The subsequent drop in blood pressure caused the patient to become nauseous, vomit, and lose consciousness. He was transported to University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) for treatment.

Later that day, the Squad responded for a juvenile who fell while ice-skating and landed on the exposed blade of another skater. The patient suffered a deep laceration to the wrist, which was bandaged prior to transport to UMCP.

On Thursday, December 27, the Squad responded for an elderly woman who, while talking to family members, suddenly began convulsing. The Squad found the woman unconscious, unresponsive, and not breathing. They cleared and maintained the airway, ventilated the patient with 100-percent oxygen, and rushed her to UMCP for additional treatment.

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Biking to Promote Peace, Love & Conservation, Iranian Couple Extends 'Green Belt' in Princeton

When Jafar Edrisi and Nasim Yousefi, both mountaineers, first met at the summit of a mountain near Tehran, it was not only a monumental personal triumph for the pair, but also the beginning of their shared devotion for environmentalism.

Now, nine years later and married, the two have embarked on a 12,500-mile trek, bicycling for peace and the environment, leaving their tread marks in New Jersey last week, as well as extending their so-called greenline, by way of planting a tree at every stop.

"Jafar was my coach in rock climbing and mountaineering, and every week we would go as far out into nature as we could, just for the experience of it," Ms. Yousefi said. Computer programmers by day, the couple have taken their quest to the global level, hoping to gain attention along the way.

They started by simply exploring Iran: "Iran is a very vast country and everywhere you go, you see different people," Ms. Yousefi said, adding that she and her husband had been particularly troubled by the areas still suffering effects of the Iran-Iraq War.

Those journeys into other parts of their native country were, to be sure, tiny in comparison to their more ambitious global efforts. Ms. Yousefi, equipped with a vast journal of personal thoughts and observations, recalls April 29, 2007, as the day their real travels began. The two went through Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, and, after flying, with bikes in tow, to Toronto, are now making their way down the eastern seaboard. "Heading south," Ms. Yousefi quips, because winter is setting in. "It was getting cold! We had to leave," she said.

The two are traveling on an estimated $10 to $18 a day, and are finding accommodations in virtually every town they ride through. Tree planting and peace, however, are not happy coincidences, the couple said.

"We believe that the two are connected, because in the absence of peace, the environment suffers as well, and of course we're worried about global warming," Ms. Yousefi said.

The couple did a 2,000-kilometer "warm-up" ride in Iran, "just to prepare us," and then embarked on this global excursion — their first trip outside their country. "It's been pretty interesting," Ms. Yousefi said, "but we love this — people like peace and we're seeing that more and more cultures share things in common."

Ms. Yousefi, 29, fluent in English, also serves as something of a translator for her husband, though he speaks several languages. "While we love seeing all these different cultures, we really want people to pay attention to the important aspects of peace, especially when there is war in some parts of the world.

"When we plant trees in the places we visit, we get to meet the mayors and we can convey our message," said Mr. Edrisi, who is 30. The two have also given guest lectures at schools and universities discussing the relationship between Iran and the Middle East, as well as that between Iran and the global community. The two also emphasized the travel component of their trip. "When you go other countries, you see the sites, but you also get to know the people," Mr. Edrisi said. "This is very important because so often, people who haven't traveled make assumptions about foreigners."

Mr. Edrisi circumvented his translator to make his point in English: "Three days ago, we were at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and we saw things from cultures everywhere — we took pictures and put them on our Web site for people all over to see." The couple's site, www.rmc4peace.com, reads like a global *On the Rood*, replete with pictures and blog entries.

There is even documentation of the couple's Princeton stop, where they planted a small evergreen tree at the Borough's Monument Park, prior to addressing a crowd assembled for a Coalition for Peace Action potluck dinner two weeks ago.

"We wanted people to learn about Iran from residents of Iran," said the executive director of the Coalition, the Rev. Robert Moore, who added that another aim was to reduce potential bias toward the Middle East.

They still have East Asia to tour, but upon returning to Iran, Mr. Edrisi and Ms. Yousefi hope to establish a non-governmental organization promoting their cause and possibly put a book together documenting their travels. Their only request for those they have visited? "You don't have to ride your bike," Ms. Yousefi said, smiling, "but people should come visit us in Iran!"

—Matthew Hersh

RIDING FOR PEACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION: Jafar Edrisi and Nasim Yousefi stopped in Princeton last month to plant a tree in Princeton Borough's Monument Park, extending their "greenline" on their 20,000-kilometer cycling trip promoting peace and environmental conservation.

ROAD FRIENDLY: Iranian couple Jafar Edrisi and Nasim Yousefi arrive in New Jersey on a 20,000-kilometer bicycle trek around the globe. The two passed through Princeton late last month, speaking at a peace event sponsored by the Coalition for Peace Action.

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Shopping Center

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on the undeveloped area, as well as enhancing the frontage facing Harrison Street including moving the gas station south, as well as improving the intersection leading into the center from Valley Road. Plans to add a second story to some of the existing retail buildings were also met with resident worries about scale and increased lighting.

Considering the significant distance from property lines due to parking from all sides of the center, as well as an eastern buffer in the form of a municipal park, planners are still hoping that, someday, resident concerns can be assuaged and that the land will be used in ways more in line with smart growth practices.

The exterior of the Shopping Center is most striking, said Carlos Rodrigues, a Princeton architect and professional planner who co-led the Rutgers studio: "It's pretty primitive in terms of access for pedestrians and bicycles." Mr. Rodrigues, who also chairs the Princeton Township Zoning Board of Adjustment, went on to criticize the parking lot's interface with Grover Park, which abuts the driving route that encircles the Shopping Center.

When it comes to creating additional use on site, Mr. Rodrigues said proper zoning should allow for higher density, while requiring less parking per square foot. "The shopping center is basically in a straightjacket – they can't expand in any way, shape, or form because they're constrained by the parking."

Parking was a central issue in 2002, when Princeton architect Jeremiah Ford III lent his services to George Comfort & Sons, the Manhattan-based management agent for the Shopping Center, for a redevelopment concept delivered to the Planning Board that year. That plan, which was never formally submitted for municipal review, envisioned adding 150 senior units, 48 apartments, and about 100,000 square feet of office space, in addition to structured parking.

"It would absolutely be logical to put housing there," Mr. Ford said in an interview. "I identified two types of housing – one was senior housing and the other was housing for younger couples, and all the other people we know who are excluded from the Princeton scene.

"There's no place for a young schoolteacher to live here: I'm talking about one- and two-bedroom stuff where you could live without a car," he said.

Mr. Ford's plan was floated, but it soon became clear that the neighborhood's quick draw against redevelopment was too much for the Comfort group to handle, and the plan was shelved. "There is a history of resistance, but resistance is part of the process and part of the nature of trying to accomplish anything in the community," Mr. Ford said.

Dana Comfort, executive vice president at George Comfort & Sons, was not immediately available for comment.

That resistance can be traced back as far as 1994, when Sunrise Assisted Living offered a sneak preview of a concept for the Planning Board, outlining a three-story, 72-unit, 90-bed facility on the Shopping Center's undeveloped land. That plan, however, only addressed housing, and not redevelopment potential in other parts of the Shopping Center's property.

Both Mr. Ford and Mr. Rodrigues said the municipalities should play a greater role in overall community planning and encourage a more pedestrian-oriented scheme, rather than building out in undeveloped areas by way of changes to the Princeton Community Master Plan and through a general change in zoning at the Shopping Center. "It doesn't make a lot of sense to put a lot of people in the boondocks," Mr. Ford said.

There are two tracts that have received development approvals in the Township on what is currently wooded, undeveloped land. They include a 30-acre tract off Mount Lucas Road that received approval for 49 age 62-and-over units, and a 20-acre Bunn Drive expanse that won approval for 140 age 62-and-over units. The Bunn Drive site is currently under review by Township Hall as it weighs a proposal to lower the resident age minimum there from 62 years to 55 years. That proposal has also attracted significant attention from the community and is ongoing. A vote to either introduce or table an ordinance changing that zone is slated for Township Committee's January 14 meeting.

A third plot, also off Bunn Drive, won approval from the zoning board in June 2007 for roughly 30 age 55-and-over units, but that was only part of a larger proposal to build 96 age-restricted residences over two lots. The zoning board, however, denied the development of the more interior lot, subsequently stalling the entire project.

While in all three cases, environmental concerns were expressed, those areas have long been zoned for development, and in each case, the property owners have expressed a willingness to help the Township achieve a long-stated goal for market-rate senior housing. But for people like Mr. Ford, already-developed areas closer to town should remain as part of the dialogue: "You look at old company towns in New England, and people walk to work. We get in our cars and commute great distances, and that's just wrong."

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Dog Task Force

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off until the Congo situation sorts itself out. The Health Commission had targeted December 1, 2007, for the filing of possible recommendations for the state Legislature related to animal safety, as well those for dispensing general animal-related information. And while the objective is still in order, any action will now be knocked back a few months, Mr. Henry said.

The first order of business, however, is a change in name. No longer will the group be known as the "Vicious Dog Task Force." A new, more appropriate title will likely reflect the positives found in safety, Mr. Henry said, pointing to the possibility of the "Dog Control Committee" at the recommendation of one of the committee's members.

The focus, Mr. Henry added, will stay the same. When the group lobbied for formation in September, it did so following a discussion where the the Princetons considered, and eventually adopted, increases in licensing fees for "potentially dangerous" dogs to $700, up from $100, representing the means considered necessary to cover the costs of penning a dangerous dog for extended periods of time.

Princeton Animal Control officer Mark Johnson, who appeared before both the Borough and Township governing bodies, said at the time that increased measures, including fencing and muzzling for dogs with an existing rap sheet, could prevent future injury to dogs and humans.

A significant component of the new measure involved education, better enforcement, and making changes for the state Legislature to consider. Municipalities are not allowed to create dangerous-dog measures that would surpass the scope of existing state law.

While the task force has held only one meeting since its formation, Mr. Henry said that his department was focusing attention on looking into the educational component. "We want residents to know the importance of being responsible dog owners," he said, adding that the Health Department would support dog licensing, and encourage owners to keep up on their dogs' various vaccinations.

"Basically, we just want to get the word out on being good, responsible, dog owners," Mr. Henry said.

The Dog Safety Committee is expected to regroup sometime in February.

—Matthew Hersh

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3 cups cooked rice

Melt stick of butter in large sauté pan. Add onions, celery, green onions and garlic and sauté for a few minutes. Sprinkle in flour while stirring constantly, then slowly whisk in broth. Let thicken for five minutes on medium heat, then add Rotel tomatoes. Simmer on low for 10 minutes. Turn off heat, add shrimp or crawfish and let sit for 10 more minutes. Stir in fresh parsley and serve over rice.

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Human Services Department Thanks All Who Supported Its Annual Toy Drive

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Princeton Human Services Commission and Department, we would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generosity during our 9th annual holiday toy drive: Robbie Alexander and her daughters; Mrs. Arobotti; Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Auletta; Jim Banks; Fran Benson; Leslie Berger; Ricardo Bruce; Emillie and Graeme Clark; Linda Danielson; Megan Eagan, Steven Gordon; Pam Hersh; Jan Johnson, Anne Keene, Lance Liverman; Kathy McGavern, Linda Meisel; Carol Moran; Sandy Moskovitz; Lucinda Porter; John Powell; Alexandra Radbil; Elizabeth Romanaux; Marge Smith; Sheila Siderman; Ellen Stark; Ron Tuitt; Joyce and Ed Turner; Jane and Joe Weber; Ron Witte; Sarah Whiting; Ann Yasuhara; Committed Princetonians; First Baptist Church; Junior Girl Scout troop leader Debbie Millar and Refen Koh and her Junior Girl Scout troop; Local Labor Union No. 175 of Princeton University; Michael Graves & Associates; Princeton Borough PBA; Princeton Township PBA; Princeton Health Care System; Rotary Club of Princeton; Smith, Stratton, Wise, Heher & Brennan, LLP; Princeton Township/Princeton Borough: Danielle Britton, Cathy Bolognini; Vikki Caines; Claudia Ceballos; Ivonne Clark; Engineering Dept.; Finance Dept. Lily Huie; Julie Hinds; Dave Hvisdock; Cynthia Mendez; Joanne Miolta; Tom Murray; Greg O'Neil; Christy Peacock; Recreation Dept.; Rosanna Roberto, Debbie Rogers, and Stacey Ryan; and all the other donors who wish to remain anonymous.

Thanks to the participation of the aforementioned donors 183 children were adopted and had at least one of their holiday wishes come true. It is indeed wonderful to be a part of a community where there is such outpouring of support, team spirit, and compassion to those in need.

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Officials Criticized for Sanctioning Use of Routes 206 and 27 by Trucks

To the Editor:

The Department of Transportation recently denied Princeton's request to exempt Routes 206 and 27 from the New Jersey Access Network despite a series of public hearings in which the public made an unequivocal call for NJDOT to exempt these roads ("DOT Denies Princeton Truck Relief," Town Topics, December 19). Apparently, Commissioner Kris Kolluri is the one designated to turn our local roads into highways, complete with a truck scale. No thank you, Commissioner.

Led by an industry group from Tennessee, the trucking lobby is dedicated to saving their little short-cut. Truckers save Turnpike tolls by cutting though Route 206 to get from one free interstate (I-78) to another (I-95/295), and keeping that toll money in their pockets. So what if Princeton gets lots of extra trucks every day? Who cares if we have to rebuild expensive roads more often?

Compliance with speed limits and safe driving distances between vehicles should be closely monitored more than ever.

DAVE SALTZMAN
Montadale Drive

To the Editor:

Am I missing something or is there a policy conflict between Governor Corzine's plan to raise money by increasing tolls on the New Jersey Turnpike and the New Jersey Department of Transportation's recent decision to allow large truck access to the residential areas in central New Jersey on routes 206 and 27?

The NJDOT decision will give the owners of large, dangerous, polluting tractor trailers greater incentive to use these narrow two-lane roads never intended for heavy use with massive vehicles in this, the most densely populated state in our nation. In addition, it will lessen the number of trucks using the Turnpike, thus decreasing the income the Governor seeks.

Without the appropriate "carrots" and "sticks" as incentives and disincentives, the Turnpike fare increase will accelerate large truck use on inappropriate roads, subjecting residents to increased safety hazards as well as increased health hazards from air pollution and loud noise. This is not only a matter of quality of life but the safety of life itself.

It should be required for 96" and wider trucks to use New Jersey's major highways, including the Turnpike and the Interstates. At a time when people are being encouraged to walk or bike as much as possible in order to save energy and avoid air pollution, the NJDOT's decision and Gov. Corzine's plans will work to discourage such activities. In addition, many who live along routes 206 and 27 will not be able to enjoy their homes and yards.

New Jersey residents deserve better planning and coordination to protect their safety and health.

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Build Your Own Computer With Librarian Bob Keith

In a special edition of the library's popular Tuesday Technology Talks series, Princeton Public Library's Bob Keith will demonstrate how to build your own computer on Tuesday, January 8 at 7 p.m.

A librarian who began his career at the library as a tech aide, Mr. Keith will describe the steps necessary to make a computer, from what a motherboard is to what motherboard to buy. He will offer insight on all of the components needed, as well as cost guidelines and sources.

"People don't always realize how cheaply you can build your own computer," Mr. Keith said. "On your own, you can have a good computer that offers a lot of features for under $300."

After discussing what goes into building your own computer, Mr. Keith will demonstrate just how easy it can be by building a PC in the library's community room. Library tech aide Evan Klimpl will simulcast the event on the big screen so that audience members will be able to follow along with the step-by-step instructions.

The series will continue on Tuesday, February 5, at 7 p.m., when Robert Lackie of Rider University presents a program titled "Detecting and Protecting Your Digital Footprint." For more information about library programs and services, call (609) 924-9529 or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

Library Program Advises Parents of Reluctant Readers

Lisa Mullarkey will present a special workshop for parents of children who are finding the reading process difficult and overwhelming.

"The Reluctant Reader: Squash the Resistance," will take place at the Princeton Public Library on Monday, January 7, at 7 p.m.

A teacher, librarian, children's author, and mother of two, Ms. Mullarkey will combine her expertise in these areas and offers strategies, ideas, and tips on how to squash the resistance to books and turn kids of any age into lifelong readers. Her extensive experience with young readers and children's literature has made her a valuable resource for parents and colleagues and her passionate presentations have been heralded as informative, resourceful, and helpful.

In case of inclement weather, the program will be Monday, January 14, at 7 p.m.

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A LIFELONG LITERARY FRIENDSHIP: Princeton resident James Harford's joint biography, "Merton and Friends" (Continuum, 352 pages, $35.95), is told largely through the correspondence of three college friends who went on to literary fame; religious writer Thomas Merton, minimalist poet Robert Lax, and author/photographer/magazine publisher Edward Rice. According to a review in The Catholic Worker, "Harford's book is not only about friends but is a testimony to the sacrament of friendship."

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Art

University Students, Guest Artists In Book Art Exhibit at Lewis Center

"ALVA: This piece by visual artist, photographer, and 1984 Princeton alumnus Accra Shepp can be viewed in "The Collotype and the Artist's Book," an exhibit featuring the work of guest artists and students in the Princeton Atelier, which will be on view weekdays from January 8 to 17 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Lucas Gallery at the Lewis Center for the Arts, 185 Nassau Street.

"OUTWITTING THE ONE-EYED GIANT": Done on handmade paper, Maire Sturken's piece was created after she read Book 9: Lines 477-487 of Robert Fagles's translation of "The Odyssey." It can be seen in the Princeton Artists Alliance's presentation of visual interpretations of Homer's poem as contemporary works of art in a new exhibition at the Noyes Museum opening January 11 and continuing through April 13, 2008.

"The Collotype and the Artist's Book," an artist's book exhibition showcasing the collaborative work of guest artists and students in the Princeton Atelier, will open Tuesday, January 8, from 4 to 6 p.m., and will continue through January 17 in the Lucas Gallery at the Lewis Center for the Arts, 185 Nassau Street on the Princeton University campus.

The exhibition includes monochromatic collotypes and typography pages from Accra Shepp's forthcoming artist's book *Atlos*, copies of which have been pre-sold to the New York Public Library and Whitney Museum as well as to private collectors. Master printmaker Edward Fausty executed the collotype editions for the book on handmade papers created by Dieu Donné.

The six students in the Atelier whose work will be included in the exhibition are Tessa Brown '08, Alexis Collatos '08, Kelsey Johnson '08, Arzu Komili '08, Ruth Schwab '09 and Emily Dunlay '11.

A visual artist, photographer, and 1984 Princeton alumnus, Mr. Shepp led the Atelier along with Mr. Fausty. Many of the collotypes were produced using a special process of printing photographic images on leaves.

Founded in 1994 by Nobel laureate Toni Morrison, and now directed by poet Paul Muldoon, the Howard G.B. Clark '21 Professor and chair of the Lewis Center for the Arts, the Atelier program brings professional artists to campus for intensive collaborative work with students and faculty. The visiting artists select a project they want to explore and experiment with in the company of students before developing it for the professional arts community. The Atelier explored the creation of an artist's book utilizing the photographic process of collotype printing, one of the earliest photomechanical printing processes invented in the late 19th-century. Originally a commercial printing process often used for early postcards and elaborate high end art reproductions and books in Asia, Europe, and America, collotype printing has experienced a renaissance since the 1970s when its possibilities for fine art photography were first exploited.

A photographer who has exhibited in the United States and abroad, Accra Shepp participated in a 2006 show titled "Artificial Afrika" at Gigantic Art Space in New York City, and he is currently working on a multimedia installation for the city of Chicago. He is also completing a long-term project documenting tobacco farmers and laborers. His most recent solo exhibition, "In the Loop," was presented at the Chicago City Gallery in 2004.

Mr. Shepp has had exhibitions at the Whitney Museum, the African American Museum in Philadelphia, and the Art Institute of Chicago. His work is in collections of the Museum of Modern Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. Mr. Shepp's work also appeared in the New Ynrk Times, Harper's Magazine, Camera Arts, and the Sunday Review in London among other puhlications. He holds a Master's Degree in Art History from the Institute of Fine Arts, NYU with a concentration in conservation of art. His Princeton B.A. is In Ari History and Studio Art.

Mr. Fausty is a fine arts photographer who works both as a digital printmaker and as a master of the historic collotype. He has made collotype editions for artists such as Takeshi Kawashima and Kiki Smith and has had exhibitions at the World Theater Festival, Nancy, France; Gallery Bi-Damas, Osaka, Japan; The Center for Book Arts in New York; Brooklyn Museum of Art; and Orozimbo Gallery and Paul Sharpe Contemporary Art, both in New York. His work is represented in the cnllections of Yale University, Goldman Sachs, Inc., the U.S. Library of Congress, and the Canadian Center for Architecture, among others.

Collaborating artists Esther K. Smith and Dikko Faust of Purgatory Press, New York, participated in the Atelier and instructed students on traditional bookbinding and the fine art of typography. Working with these artists, students learned how to take photographs with a traditional 19th-century view camera, make digital negatives for collotypes, prepare collotype plates, print using the hand-operated cylinder press in the University's typography studio, and assist in various aspects of book production.

The exhihition will be on view weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Lucas Gallery. It is free and open to the public and was funded in large part by The Newhouse Foundation, Peter T. Joseph Foundation, and Naomi Waletzky '98.

For more information, call (609) 258-3697.

The Lewis Center for the Creative and Performing Arts is part nf a major initiative announced by President Shirley M. Tilghman in 2006 to fully embrace the arts as an essential part of the educational experience for all who study and teach at Princeton University. The puhlic is welcomed to a full range of lectures, exhibitions, concerts and performances at the Center. Many of the Center's evenis are free or charge a nominal admission fee. For more information about the Lewis Center for Creative & Performing Arts visit www.prtnceton.edu/arts.

Princeton Artists Alliance Presents "Odyssey" Show

Inspired by Homer's *Odyssey*, the Princeton Artists Alliance is presentting visual interpretattons of the epic poem in a new exhibttion at the Noyes Museum in Oceanville opening January 11 and continuing through April 13, 2008.

Poseidon's wrath, Penelope's tears, and Odysseus' escape from the Cyclops are among the struggles and triumphs portrayed in "Homer's Odyssey," which is presented in collaboration with the interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The public can meet the artists at the Opening Reception on Friday, January 18, from 5 to 8 p.m.

In addition to the exhibition, the Center will offer two free lectures at the Noyes Museum. On February 1 Professor Kate Ogden will present "The Continuing Classical Influence in Western Art" from noon to 1 p.m. and on March 23 Professor Rob Nichols will discuss "How Greek is Greco-Buddhist Art?" from nonn to 1 p.m.

The Princeton Artists Alliance members used the translation of *The Odyssey* by retired Princeton University Professor Robert Fagles.

Founded in 1989 by professional artists, the Princeton Artists Alliance is a non-profit organization that holds varinus educational events to enrich the community through visual art. The Princeton Artists Alliance holds workshops, exhibits, artist talks and open art studios. The artists work with a wide range of techniques, mediums and subject matter. Each member has an extensive list of hoth individual and group exhibitions shown regionally, nationally, and internationally. More information on the Princeton Artists Alliance can be found at www.princetonartists.org.

The Noyes Museum of Art is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., and is closed on Mondays and major holidays. The museum is located just south of Historic Smithville Village, off Route 9, on Lily Lake Road in Oceanville. Admission fees are $4 for adults and $3 for seniors and students. For more information, call (609) 652-8848 or visit www.noyes-museum.org.

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Coryell Artists Present Gallery Talk January 6

The Coryell Gallery in Lambertville is presenting a Gallery Talk by the two exhibiting artists, Albert L. Bross, Jr., and Vincent Ceglia, in the gallery at 8 Coryell Street on Sunday, January 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. The public is invited and will be encouraged to take part in the discussion. The exhibition will continue to January 26.

Mr. Ceglia will talk about how he develops ideas for his approach to painting in his medium of watercolor or acrylic collage and drawing. He was professor of Fine Arts at Mercer County College for 30 years and spent numerous summers holding workshops for American painters in northern Italy. Inspired by the mountain lakes of the Lombardy region, he has made dozens of ink drawings and paintings.

Working directly from nature as an oil painter, Mr. Bross is best known for his landscapes and seascapes of Maine. He will talk about his method of painting on specially sized rag paper, a technique allowing for a more spontaneous approach that takes advantage of the constant changes in nature. After his studies at the Art Students League in New York City, he taught painting for more than 20 Years while lecturing in the tri-state area. He is author and illustrator of a book titled *The Four Seasons*.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard is located opposite Finkles' Hardware Store in Lambertville. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For further information about the talk, call Gallery Director Janet M. Hunt at (609) 397-0804.

"FALL DAY": Vincent Ceglia's watercolor is among his works on display through January 26 at Lambertville's Coryell Gallery along with oil paintings by Albert Bross.

"FARM PRESERVATION": This oil painting by Albert Bross is part of a joint exhibit with Vincent Ceglia being held at the Coryell Gallery in Lambertville through January 26. Both artists will be at the gallery to discuss their work on Sunday, January 6, from 3 to 5 p.m.

"FRAGILE, TAKE CARE": This relief print by Margaret Kennard Johnson will be on display in the Marguerite & James Hutchins Galley in the Gruss Center of Visual Arts at the Lawrenceville School from January 7 through 26. There will be an opening reception on Friday, January 11, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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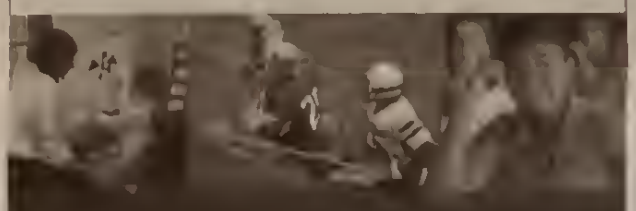
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The Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery at Princeton Day School is hosting the fourth PDS Alumni Exhibition featuring work from 40 artists, including photographers, painters, sculptors, ceramicists, and installation artists, through January 18.

Bernstein Gallery in Robertson Hall at the Woodrow Wilson School is presenting "Burmese Days," an exhibit of photographs of Burma by Mary Cross. The show runs through Friday, January 11.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville, is hosting its Annual Holiday Exhibition. "Landscapes: Two Visions" features Albert L. Bross, Jr.'s oil paintings and Vincent Ceglia's watercolors and acrylics. The exhibit runs through January 13, 2008.

D&R Greenway Land Trust, at the Johnson Education Center, at One Preservation Place, off Rosedale Road in Princeton, is currently presenting "The Road Not Taken," which will run through January 11, 2008. Works will be exhibited in the Marie L. Matthews Gallery.

The Erdman Gallery, located inside the Erdman Center at 20 Library Place in Princeton, is hosting "Visions of Wholeness: The Arts in Mission and the Mission of Art" featuring paintings by Rosemarie Adcock and Linnea Gabriella Spransy. The exhibit is presented in partnership with the Theological Students' Fellowship and The Women's Center, Princeton Theological Seminary's Center of Continuing Education. The exhibit closes January 4.

Firestone Library is presenting an exhibition of rare books, coins, medals and manuscripts, "Numismatics in the Renaissance," in the main gallery through July 20.

The Gallery at Chapin will be exhibiting work by photographer Lindsay Malorana from January 7 through February 1, 2008. The public is invited to an opening reception for the artist on Wednesday, January 9, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Gallery 125, 125 South Warren Street in Trenton, is presenting "Revolution," a group exhibit running through February 2, 2008.

Gallery 14 at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell is hosting "Body Works," a group exhibit of photographs by its members, from January 4 through February 3, 2008. An opening reception will be held on January 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. A "Meet the Photographers" event will take place on January 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. The Small Gallery is presenting an exhibit of member David Miller's infrared photographs of Egypt, "Unseen Egypt."

Gilmore Café at 118 South Warren Street in Trenton is exhibiting the work of Princeton artist Rhinold Lamar Ponder through January 5, 2008.

Gratz Gallery at 30 West Bridge Street in New Hope will be presenting an exhibit of work by Bucks County painter Richard Lennox from January 5 through February 17, 2008. The opening reception is set for January 5 from 6 to 9 p.m.; snow date, January 6 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Grounds for Sculpture is hosting three exhibitions of contemporary sculpture for Fall/Winter 2007/08 through April 27, 2008. The group show, "Enclosures," featuring work from John Isherwood, Wendy Ross, John Ruppert and Foon Sham, will be on view in the Museum Building. "Herk Van Tongeren: Serie Metalsica and Teatro" and the International Sculpture Center's 2007 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards will be exhibited in the Domestic Arts Building. For the month of December, member's discount is 20% in the Museum Shop and at Toad Hall Shop & Gallery. (Does not apply to on-line shopping).

For more information on Grounds For Sculpture's Special Events, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Gruss Center of Visual Arts at the Lawrenceville School will be presenting an exhibit of wire, mesh, paper, and foil by Margaret Kennard Johnson in the Marguerite & James Hutchins Galley from January 7 through 26, with an opening reception on Friday, January 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street, is presenting an exhibition of Princeton in the 1930s through July, 2008; hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 12 to 4 p.m.; free admission, donations accepted; Sunday Walking Tour of Princeton, 1.9 mile guided tour, allow 2 hours, meet outside at 2 p.m., no res. $7, $4 for children 6-12; for information call (609) 921-6748; or visit www.princetonhistory.org

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is presenting "Philip Pearlstein: The Dispassionate Body" through January 6, 2008, in the Wachovia Gallery. A new exhibit, "Elsie Driggs: The Quick and the Classical" will run from January 19 through April 12. "The Holy Experiment: Violet Oakley Mural Studies," featuring 13 original oil on canvas studies for murals in the Governor's Reception Room of the Pennsylvania Capitol Building in Harrisburg, will be on view through March 30, 2008 in the Plundt Gallery. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

The Della Pinna Gallery at the New Hope Michener is presenting "Norman Rockwell in the 1940s: A View of the American Homefront" and "Charles Hargens: American Illustrator" through February 10, 2008.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "The Magyar Imagination: Selections from the Salgo Trust Donation of Hungarian Art" through March 30. "Art Nouveau Illuminated: Lamps from the Sigmund Freedman Bequest" will be on view through April 20. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters Gallery is presenting "Breaking the Standards—Abstracts of Life," featuring the work of New Jersey photographer Vlad Bubnov. Part of the company's ongoing New Jersey Artists series, the exhibit will run through January 14. The gallery is open by appointment only; call (732) 524-6957.

The Lewis Center for Creative & Performing Arts, 185 Nassau Street on the Princeton University campus, will be presenting "The Collotype and the Artist's Book," an artist's book exhibition showcasing the collaborative work of guest artists and students in the Princeton Atelier. The show will open Tuesday, January 8 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Morven Museum & Garden is presenting Ben Again, a pop culture memorabilia exhibit in conjunction with the museum's annual Festival of Trees. The exhibit presents five galleries celebrating Ben Franklin in Pop culture.

The NJ State Museum is presenting "Selected Works: Art by African-Americans in the Museum's Collection," in the galleries in the Department of State building at 225 West State Street in Trenton. The exhibit will be on view through March 20, 2008 "Fancy Rockingham Pottery: The Modeller and Ceramics in Nineteenth-Century America," will be in the Auditorium Galleries, 205 West State Street, Trenton, through May 31, 2008.

Pennswood Village, 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road in Newtown, Pa., is presenting Mary Louise Wentzel's "Evolution of the Spirit," which will run through January 6, 2008. Gallery hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

The Princeton Public Library will be hosting a discussion of the work of photographer Rachel Mackow with Barbara Osterman on Thursday, January 10 at 7 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the Arts Council of Princeton and is part of the ongoing Art Talk series, which brings artists to the library to discuss works on display in the second floor Reference Gallery.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting "Beloved Daughters: Photographs by Fazal Sheikh" through January 6, 2008. "Inhabited Landscapes: Selected Works from the DuBois Schanck Morris Collection" will run through January 20. "Maestro Francisco Toledo: Art from Oaxaca, 1959-2006" will run through January 6. "Ansel Adams, Moonrise: Print the Legend" is on view through January 13.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park and The Trenton Museum Society are presenting "The World Dines Out: 100 Years at Trenton's Lamberton," exhibit displaying china produced at the city's Lamberton Works.

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The Universal Touch: A New Year's Celebration of Charlie Chaplin

"I am moved to put Chuplin with the poets (of todoy).... Chaplin may be o sentimentalist, ofter all, but he corries the theme with such power and universul portent that sentimentolity is mode to tronscend itself into a new kind of tragedy, eccentric, homely und yet brilliant."

—from *The Letters of Hort Crane*

In October 1923 in New York, the American poet Hart Crane spent a night carousing and conversing until dawn with Charlie Chaplin, who admired Crane's poem, "Chaplinesque," and was said to be interested in his work. At the time of their meeting, Crane was relatively unknown and little read while Chaplin was a world-renowned celebrity. The comedian would die a wealthy man at the age of 88 on Christmas Day 1977 (his villa in Switzerland is being turned into a museum). The poet was only 33 in April 1932 when he apparently took his own life by jumping off the stern of a ship bound for New York from Mexico.

After his night with Chaplin, Crane wrote to his mother: "I am very happy in the intense clarity of spirit that a man like Chaplin gives one." According to Waldo Frank, who brought Chaplin and Crane together, the poet committed suicide because his "excesses" had "crowded out the crystal intervening times when he could write." It seems likely that his "clarity of spirit" coincided with those "crystal" times when he was writing. Maybe he'd have made it back to New York if they'd been showing *City Lights* on board the *Orizoba*.

In "Chaplinesque" Crane tries to get at the source of the quality that gives Chaplin's films their compassionate universality. He uses a kitten as, in his words, the "symbol" of the actor's "social sympathies." The second stanza begins: "For we can still love the world, who find/A famished kitten on the step, and know/Recesses for it from the fury of the street." The poem ends with the poet hearing "through all sound of gaiety and quest...a kitten in the wilderness."

"Chaplinesque" is a hard poem to quote fairly, and, like much of Crane's work, it doesn't offer an easy reading. Chaplin's "power and universal portent," however, are among the virtues that made the actor/director the only poet of cinema with the ability to touch audiences worldwide at every level of society. Presumably you could convene a group composed of total opposites or even mortal enemies and seat them in the same theatre (as long as the house lights were down, anyway), billionaires and bums, arch conservatives and far-left liberals, zealots and atheists, and if anyone could have them laughing and even crying together, it's Chaplin.

The Heart of New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve being possibly the most universally observed holiday, it makes sense that the most universal of artists would be the one to find a way to the heart of the occasion. All Chaplin needed was a Gold Rush saloon, some dance hall girls, a rose and a photograph, a prospector's cabin, a couple of dinner rolls, and his alter ego, the resourceful and ultimately indomitable tramp whose genius for pathos and comedic choreography makes him the master of every scene, especially the ones in which he plays the hapless fool. The medium for the audience's engagement with Chaplin's art is the headstrong dance hall girl, Georgia (Georgia Hale), who begins by patronizing the tramp as a laughable loser and then watches him progress from an amusing curiosity to an emotional touchstone to a gold rush millionaire.

Chaplin uses an age-old Hollywood formula — the wooing of a beautiful woman against great odds — to develop two of the most sublimely felt sequences in all cinema, the ending of *City Lights* and the New Year's scene in *The Gold Rush*. To Georgia and her girlfriends from the dance hall the "little fellow" (the preferred term in Chaplin's narration of the 1942 reissue) is a figure of ridicule. The best they could say of him is that he's cute. How can Georgia take seriously someone dressed like a travesty of a fallen dandy with a penchant for creating chaos and catastrophe?

When he invites the girls to New Year's dinner in the shack he's "housesitting"

for a prospector, they don't take him seriously. But the audience does, watching him shovel snow (the same pile, from one storefront to another) to earn enough to buy dinner provisions, along with the little presents he wraps for each girl, and the roast he cooks, and the festive table he sets, complete with candles and napkin rings. His guests never show up, of course, and while sitting at the table waiting for them, he dreams what would have happened if all had gone as he'd hoped. His dream self is confident and charming, the girls love him (a reflection of the reality enjoyed by Chaplin, the adored star), and Georgia is his. Instead of making a speech to express his joy in the event, he pantomimes a dance using two dinner rolls on the prongs of two forks, each roll becoming a miniature version of each of his own oversized shoes as he impassively puts them through their paces, moving his head left and right to follow the kick of each leg. With the soft light of the candles glowing on his face, the dream dance takes on an almost hypnotic fascination. You become a child again watching it. The audience response at the time was extraordinary; in some theatres people kept clapping until the film was stopped and the sequence shown again. When the tramp wakes up after midnight and comprehends the truth, he goes to the doorway and stands sadly staring toward the dance hall, where the music and tumult of the celebration can be heard. The subsequent shot of the "little fellow" standing outside looking through the window at the gay scene would seem to be as far as the pathos of the scene could be taken, Chaplin having isolated in his own person the human common denominator of loneliness and disappointment. But there's more. When Georgia and her boyfriend and the other girls drop by after midnight to have some fun at the tramp's expense, Chaplin adds the final touch. Georgia is the first to enter the shack, which is empty. Everything the scene is saying is in the expression on her face when she sees the festive table he'd prepared for them.

Georgia Hale is the perfect actress for that moment. She seems truly touched and saddened, and the audience shares the feeling with her. But she could not meet the more profound challenge of the climactic moment in *City Lights*.

"I Can See Now"

Like the wooing of the dance hall beauty, the tramp's courting of the lovely blind girl in *City Lights* begins with a fallen flower. And in the same way that he worked to raise money for the failed New Year's dinner, the tramp does everything he can think of (including prizefighting) to raise money for the operation that will restore her sight. She knows only his voice and the touch of his hand, and when, thanks to his efforts, she can see again, she's hoping the handsome prince she's imagined will eventually show up in the flower shop. Looking at the street from the front window one day she sees a funny little tramp shaking his fist at some newsboys who have been tormenting him. Her patronizing smile is much like the one that crosses Georgia's face the first time the tramp walks into the saloon. Seeing him picking a fallen flower out of the gutter, the flower girl takes a single rose and calls him over, intending to give him a coin along with the flower. When their hands meet, she recognizes him through the touch. Shaken, she feels along his arm, as she felt it when she was blind. He smiles miserably and asks, "You can see now?" She nods; she's still reeling. "Yes, I can see now," she says, pressing his hand. The question and answer seem all the more momentous because they are spoken in silence. The audience sees the words on title cards. The silence deepens the moment, giving weight to each gesture, each dawning expression. This wretched being is her handsome prince, her rich benefactor. The depth of the recognition is a world beyond Georgia's compassionate moment in the empty shack. This is something that simply confounds comprehension.

Moviegoers for all time should thank the fates that Chaplin didn't fire Virginia Cherrill, the actress who beautifully plays the flower girl and measures up to every stunning, subtle emotional nuance of that scene. All you have to do to appreciate Cherrill is to see the test Georgia Hale made of the same scene, which is among the special features included in the Chaplin Collection DVD of *City Lights*. Chaplin reportedly made the test in desperation because his lead actress was coming to work hung over from partying the night before; she was living on alimony and was so hard to work with that Chaplin almost gave up on her. The test shows Georgia Hale trying and failing again and again to get the crucial gestures and expressions right; she's too bright and earnest, still too close to the headstrong dance hall girl in *The Gold Rush*. She can't feel the scene. Needless to say it was a lot to ask of someone who hadn't had a chance to grow into the part. So, luckily for generations of audiences, Chaplin went back to Virginia Cherrill. Without her tender expression of shock, disbelief, and aching gratitude, Chaplin's tortured smile — the subject of one of the most memorable close-ups in the history of cinema — would not radiate the "clarity of spirit" nor the "power and universal portent" Hart Crane saw in him seven years before when he recognized a poet who could make of sentimentality "a new kind of tragedy." Again, it would be nice to think such a moment could have saved another poet's life on board that ship in April 1932.

DVDs of *City Lights* and *The Gold Rush*, along with all the other titles in The Chaplin Collection, are available at the Princeton Public Library.

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Second Environmental Film Festival Features More Films, More Speakers

The Princeton Public Library hosted the first Princeton Environmental Film Festival last January, providing focus for issues that continued to come to the fore throughout the year.

The second annual festival promises to continue the tradition with 18 film screenings and 37 speakers taking part in lectures and panel discussions over six days from today, at noon through Sunday, January 6, and on Saturday, January 12.

As before, the festival has been planned by student environmental groups from Princeton High School and John Witherspoon Middle School along with community organizations and the help of Teen Services Librarian Susan Conlon. It will again cover topics such as global warming, alternative energy sources, water conservation, organic food, community gardens, land use, and green buildings.

While the festival is global in scope, there will also be a strong local emphasis. It opens today, Wednesday, January 2, at noon, when Wendy Kaczerski of the Princeton Environmental Commission discusses the commission's efforts to build a sustainable community. Ms. Kaczerski's talk precedes two short films by Chris Bedford at 1 p.m.: *What Will We Eat?* and *The Organic Opportunity*. Mr. Bedford will discuss his work afterwards and then a panel of speakers from local eateries will weigh in on the subject of growing local in the Garden State, at 3:30 p.m., followed by a screening and discussion of Mr. Bedford's film, *The Next Industrial Revolution*.

Among other locally-inspired events are presentations featuring Marty Johnson, president of Isles, Inc. in Trenton; Mike Strizki, founding member of the Hopewell Project; Quark Park architect Kevin Wilkes and garden artist Peter Soderman; Linda J. Mead, executive director of the D&R Greenway Land Trust; and Steve Hiltner of the Friends of Princeton Open Space.

On Thursday, January 3, at noon, David Wann's film *Designing a Great Neighborhood: Behind the Scenes at Holiday* documents the goal to create a zero-emissions neighborhood in Colorado. It will be followed at 1 p.m. by a discussion of "Transforming the Landscape with Green Buildings."

Also on Thursday, at 4 p.m., Mr. Johnson, will introduce *Isles: Self-Reliant Homes in Sustainable Communities* and discuss the group's work with a special focus on healthy homes, lead poisoning prevention, energy efficiency, community gardening, open space redevelopment, exercise and nutrition.

Friday's events include a panel discussion, "Edible Gardens: Princeton Public Schools are Growing Gardens for their Cafeterias, Classrooms, and the Community," at noon, followed by the global-warming primer *Too Hot Not Too Handle*, at 2 p.m.

Jeff Barrie's plan for shifting America's energy paradigm towards conservation and renewable power, *Kilowott Ours*, will be screened on Friday, at 4 p.m., followed by a talk by Mr. Strizki, whose 3,000-square-foot house is run completely independently of the local power grid, using solar panels and a hydrogen storage system.

Everything's Cool, which chronicles the efforts of a group of global-warming messengers on a high stakes quest to create the political will to move the United States from its reliance on fossil fuels, will wrap up the Friday events at 7 p.m. The screening will be followed by a discussion between writer Judith Helfand and producer Adam Wolfensohn.

The festival starts early on Saturday, January 5, with the author talks: "From Crisis to Innovation: Lessons from the Universe for Today" by Jennifer Morgan, at 10 a.m., followed by "Growing up Green," a discussion of the best environmental books for children and teens by Linda Oatman High and John Morano, at 11 a.m.

At noon, New Jersey resident, canoeist, and environmentalist Margo Pellegrino will present a talk and presentation "Miami2Maine: An Ocean Conservation Campaign" about her 11-week expedition to paddle some 2,000 miles north on the Atlantic Coastline in an effort to raise awareness about problems threatening the world's oceans.

The Water Front, Liz Miller's film about a town struggling to keep water from becoming privatized, will be screened at 2 p.m., followed by a discussion moderated by Kimberly K. Smith of Princeton University on class, race, and inequality and environmental problems facing metropolitan areas. At 4 p.m. Laura Dunn's *The Unforseen* about a Texas development that threatens a local natural treasure, will be shown, with a post-sceening discussion led by Linda J. Mead, executive director of the D&R Greenway Land Trust.

Sunday, January 6, will feature two screenings and discussions. *Two Square Miles*, at 1:30 p.m., tracks the conflicts that unfold as a multinational coal-fired cement plant threatens to reshape the small community on the banks of the Hudson River. The screening will be followed by Q&A with Barbara Ettinger, director/producer; Sven Huseby, producer; Sam Pratt, founder, Friends of Hudson; and Ben Kalina, associate producer.

Also on Sunday, at 4 p.m., Chris Allen's film "Quark Park," which chronicles the art collaborations of architect Kevin Wilkes and garden artist Peter Soderman on a vacant lot in Princeton, will be screened, followed by a discussion with Mr. Allen, Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Soderman.

The festival wraps up on Saturday, January 12. The day begins at 11 a.m. with the first of three films: Allison Byrne's *Trashin in the Big Apple* about landfilling flood; followed at noon by Jeremy Kaller's *The Recyclergy*, about the recycling movement pioneers; and a 1 p.m. screening of Eric Flagg's *Gimme Green* about the American obsession with the residential lawn. At 1:30 p.m., Steve Hiltner, Natural Resources Manager for Friends of Princeton Open Space will present the discussion "Restoring Native Habitats in Princeton Preserves and Backyards."

The festival finishes off with three more films. NJN Public Television's look about the Greater Newark Conservancy. *A Greener, Greater Newark* will be screened at 2:30 p.m., followed by a discussion with producer Bob Szuter and Robin Dougherty, executive director of the Greater Newark Conservancy. The 30-minute film examines grassroots efforts of the Greater Newark Conservancy and The Trust for Public Land and how their actions produce long-term benefits reaching far beyond physical landscape improvement. Jennifer Baichwal's portrait of photographer Edward Burtynsky, *Manufactured Landscapes*, at 4 p.m. The festival concludes with a screening of *King Corn* at 7 p.m., a film by Aaron Woolf, Curt Ellis and Ian Cheney about two friends, one acre of corn, and the subsidized crop that drives our fast-food nation.

All of the film screenings and related talks are free, open to all ages, and held in the library's first floor Community Room. For more information, call (609) 924-9529, or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

— Linda Arntzenius

KILOWATT OURS: That's the title of one film in the Princeton Environmental Film Festival, which opens at the Princeton Public Library today. Jeff Barrie's plan for shifting America's energy paradigm toward conservation and renewable power will be screened on Friday, January 4, at 4 p.m. in the library's first-floor Community Room.

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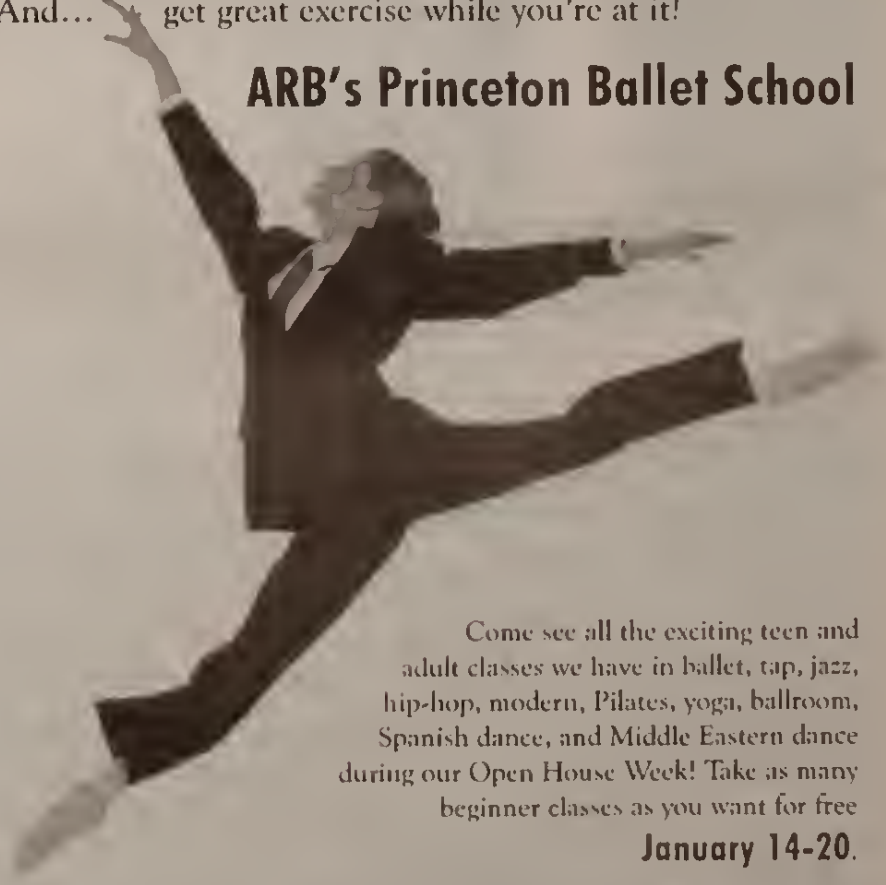

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"Driving Miss Daisy" Coming in February To Kelsey Theatre

The Pulitzer Prize and Academy Award winning *Driving Miss Daisy*, a comedy-drama offering a message of friendship, understanding, and hope, will be presented at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre February 1 to 10.

Directed by Dan Maurer of Robbinsville, the show is a production of Maurer Productions OnStage.

An open reception, with an opportunity to meet the cast and crew, will be held on opening night.

A story of friendship told with humor and warmth, *Driving Miss Daisy* is set in Atlanta, Ga. from 1948 to 1973. Daisy Werthan, an independent, aging Jewish widow, "disagreeable and set in her ways," reluctantly surrenders the driver's seat to Hoke Coleburn, a proud, soft-spoken black man. At first, Daisy's stubbornness and cultural prejudices cause much friction, but over the course of 25 years, Hoke becomes not only her chauffeur but also her best friend.

The Washington Post once described the play as "marked with unaffected grace and generosity of spirit, medium-sized miracles, and changed minds."

Written by Alfred Uhry in 1987 as a tribute to his Atlanta-based family, the play won the Pulitzer Prize for drama and the Outer Critics Circle Award. A 1989 movie version starring Jessica Tandy, Morgan Freeman, and Dan Aykroyd won four Academy Awards including Best Picture, Best Screenplay, and Best Actress for Ms. Tandy.

The Kelsey cast will include Eve Connolly of Lawrenceville as Daisy Werthan, Allwyn Baskin of Lambertville as Hoke Coleburn, and Lonnie McCullough of Yardley as Boolie Werthan.

The OnStage team will be a family affair. Mr. Maurer will produce, direct, and handle sound design; John Maurer of Ewing will take responsibility for set design; and Diana Gilman Maurer of Ewing will serve as producer, stage manager, and costume designer.

Performance dates and times will be Friday, February 1 at 8 p.m., Saturday, February 2 at 8 p.m., Sunday, February 3 at 2 p.m., Friday, February 8 at 8 p.m., Saturday, February 9, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, February 10 at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices are $12 for adults, $10 for senior citizens, students, and children. To order, visit www.kelseyatmccc.org or call (609) 570-3333.

A DRIVEN WOMAN: Eve Connolly of Lawrenceville, right, will star as Daisy Werthan opposite Allwyn Baskin of Lambertville, left, as her chaufteur Hoke Coleburn in The Pulitzer Prize and Academy Award winning "Driving Miss Daisy," scheduled to begin a two-weekend run at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre February 1. Played out over the course of 25 years, the story depicts the gradual transformation of Miss Daisy from a stubborn and culturally prejudiced woman to one who finally regards Mr. Coleburn with deep respect and affection. A production of Maurer Productions OnStage, the show will be directed by Dan Maurer of Robbinsville. For tickets, call (609) 570-3333.

ND HARD FELINES: The national tour of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "CATS," still entertaining audiences worldwide 27 years after its opening, will visit the Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton on February 7 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from $47 to $57, available by phone at (800) 298-4200 or at the Arena box office.

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National Tour of "CATS" Coming to Trenton Arena

The national tour of CATS, the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical seen by millions worldwide, will stop at Trenton's Sovereign Bank Arena on Thursday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. The production, by Troika Entertainment, LLC, is the only one in North America sanctioned by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

With original direction by Trevor Nunn and choreography by Gillian Lynne, the touring show is credited with the British invasion of Broadway. The national tour of CATS recently celebrated its 25th anniversary season.

On May 11, 1981, CATS opened at the New London Theatre in the West End. Eight years later it celebrated its first important milestone: after 3,358 performances it had become the longest running musical in the history of British theatre. It played its final performance on its 21st birthday, May 11, 2002. In 1982 CATS opened at the Winter Garden Theatre in New York City and continued to live up to its motto, "Now and Forever." It then became the longest running musical on Broadway on June 19, 1997. It ended its 18-year run three years later, in September 2000.

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State Theatre to Present U.K.'s Regimental Guards

Scotland's Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and the Band of Great Britain's Coldstream Guards will help open the new year at New Brunswick's State Theatre when they perform the music of Scotland, England, Ireland, and Wales on Saturday, January 19 at 3 p.m.

The program will include "Amazing Grace," "Auld Lang Syne," "Danny Boy," "Dawning of the Day," "God Save the Queen," "Highland Laddie," "Scotland the Brave," "Skye Boat Song," "The Star Spangled Banner," and "Yankee Doodle," performed with pipes, drums, and highland dancers.

The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards are Scotland's senior regiment and the nation's only regular cavalry. The Regiment was formed in 1971 from the union of two others, the 3rd Carabiniers and the Royal Scots Greys. The 3rd Carabiniers had themselves been constituted in 1922 from the amalgamation of the old 3rd Dragoon Guards and the Carabiniers (6th Dragon Guards). The history of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards is therefore the record of three ancient regiments and, through the Royal Scots Greys they can claim to be the oldest surviving Cavalry of the Line in the British Army.

The Coldstream Regiment of Great Britain, formed in 1650, is one of the oldest regiments in the world and has long taken pride in its musicians. Coldstream's original band of eight musicians was formed in 1785 to provide music for the changing of the guards at St. James Palace in London. Since then, the Band of the Coldstream Guards has grown in number and prestige and has been a source of pride and patriotism at a number of landmark historical events, boosting morale during the Napoleonic Wars, both World Wars, and countless battles and official ceremonies. Under the musical direction of Major Graham Jones, the company of 49 musicians now spends a great deal of time traveling abroad for military duties and inspiring public performances.

Tickets range from $30 to $55, with student, senior, and group discounts available. A limited supply of $20 tickets is also available.

For tickets, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469, or visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org.

The State Theatre is located at 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick.

McCarter Completes Cast For Albee Play Premiere

McCarter Theatre has announced the completion of additional casting for its upcoming world premiere of Edward Albee's *Me, Myself & I*, set to begin its six-week run January 11 in the Berlind Theatre.

As previously announced, Tyne Daly and Brian Murray will head the production, which will be directed by McCarter's Artistic Director Emily Mann. Joining them on stage will be Colin Donnell and Michael Esper, who play identical twins, both named Otto, as well as Charlotte Parry and Stephen Payne.

Mr. Donnell comes to McCarter Theatre straight from the Broadway company of the Tony Award-winning musical *Jersey Boys*. His New York credits also include Young Ben in the Encores! Production of *Follies*, John Truitt in *Meet Me in St. Louis*, and *Almost Heaven*. He also appeared in the National Tour of *Mamma Mia*.

Mr. Esper was most recently seen in *A Long Day's Journey Into Night* with James Cromwell at the Dublin Theatre Festival and *Crazy Mary* at Playwrights Horizons with Sigourney Weaver and Kristine Nielsen. His other New York credits include *subUrbia* (Second Stage), *As You Like It* (The Public) and *Manic Flight Reaction* (Playwrights Horizons). He also appeared in the films *Bittersweet Place* and *A Beautiful Mind*.

Ms. Parry will be returning to McCarter after having performed in the theater's *The Birthday Party* in 2006. She has been seen on Broadway as Young Thomas in *Coram Boy* and as Debbie in the Tony Award-winning *The Real Thing*. Her regional appearances include *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *As You Like It* with the Peter Hall Company, and *Cymbeline* at Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey. Her numerous British theater credits include *The Real Thing* on the West End and National Tours of *Charley's Aunt* and *Three Sisters*.

Also returning to McCarter is Mr. Payne, who previously appeared in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He has recently worked in Amsterdam and Boston on Ola Mafaalani's stage adaptations of *Wings of Desire* and *Clockwork Orange*. His other theater work includes John Patrick Shanley's *Sailor's Song*; *Boy Gets Girl* and The Old Globe's production of *Bus Stop*, for which he received the Craig Noel and Inner Circle Critics' Awards.

The winner of the 1990 Tony Award for her portrayal of Rose in *Gypsy*, Ms. Daly was seen on Broadway in the world premiere of David Lindsay-Abaire's *Rabbit Hole* and in the 1992 revival of Chekov's *The Seagull* opposite Jon Voight, Laura Linney, and Ethan Hawke. For her work in television, she has been honored with six Emmy Awards, four for her work on *Cagney and Lacey* and one each for *Christy* and *Judging Amy*.

Mr. Murray has appeared off-Broadway in Mr. Albee's *The Play About the Baby* and *Beckett/Albee*. He is a three-time Tony nominee, for *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, *The Little Foxes*, and *The Crucible*, and has won multiple Obie and Drama Desk Awards.

Mr. Albee, whose plays include *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, *The Zoo Story*, *The Play About the Baby*, and *All Over*, is widely considered to be America's foremost living playwright. His awards include three Pulitzer Prizes for drama, a Special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement, and a Gold Medal in Drama from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, in addition to the Kennedy Center Honors and the National Medal of Arts.

Tickets for *Me, Myself & I*, ranging from $15 to $49, may be ordered by calling the McCarter Box Office at (609) 258-2787.

Public Library Hosts Princeton Rep's Playlab

Princeton Public Library will host Princeton Rep Company's third annual PlayLAB staged reading series beginning Sunday, January 13, at 3 p.m.

The series, curated by Todd Reichart in collaboration with Princeton Rep artistic director Victoria Liberatori, begins with *Signs of Life*, a comedy with magic, by New Jersey playwright Deborah Brevoort.

Ms. Breevort is the award-winning author of *The Women of Lockerbie*, produced off-Broadway by the New Group Theatre.

Her play, *Signs of Life*, is the story of two dreamers on a road trip out of New Jersey in pursuit of a hoped-for life they can't seem to make together. Time and again they lose what has come before as they try to make sense of signs along the way.

The next reading in the series, *Blue/Orange* by Joe Penhall, is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, at 3 p.m. An incendiary tale about race, madness, and a Darwinian power struggle, *Blue/Orange* won the 2000 Olivier Award for Best New Play. It is set in a London psychiatric hospital, where an enigmatic patient claims to be the son of an exiled African dictator. As the drama unfolds, his story becomes unnervingly plausible.

The series will come to a close on Sunday, February 10, at 3 p.m., with *Shylock* by Mark Leiren-Young. In this play a Jewish actor playing Shylock talks to an audience after the production of Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice* is closed because of controversy. The play is an irreverent riff on political correctness, the purpose of art, and the role of the audience. The final program will open with *Hamlet: Condensed, Somewhat Altered, and Slightly Rearranged* by Lawrenceville parodist Bill Waters.

All Princeton Public Library programs are free and open to the public. For more information about library programs and services, call (609) 924-9529 or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

PLAYWRIGHT AT PRINCETON: Playwright Edward Albee, in Princeton for the world premiere of his new play "Me, Myself and I" at the Berlind Theatre, visited recently with Princeton University students Kate Siegel, center, and Jac Mullen, right, who are studying his work in "Albee on Albee," a course in the University's Program in Theater and Dance. Mr. Albee is on campus as the first recipient of the Princeton University/McCarter Theatre Playwriting Fellowship and is giving the students an in-depth look at the preparations for staging his new play, which will open January 11 at the Berlind Theatre. (Photo by Denise Applewhite, Princeton University)

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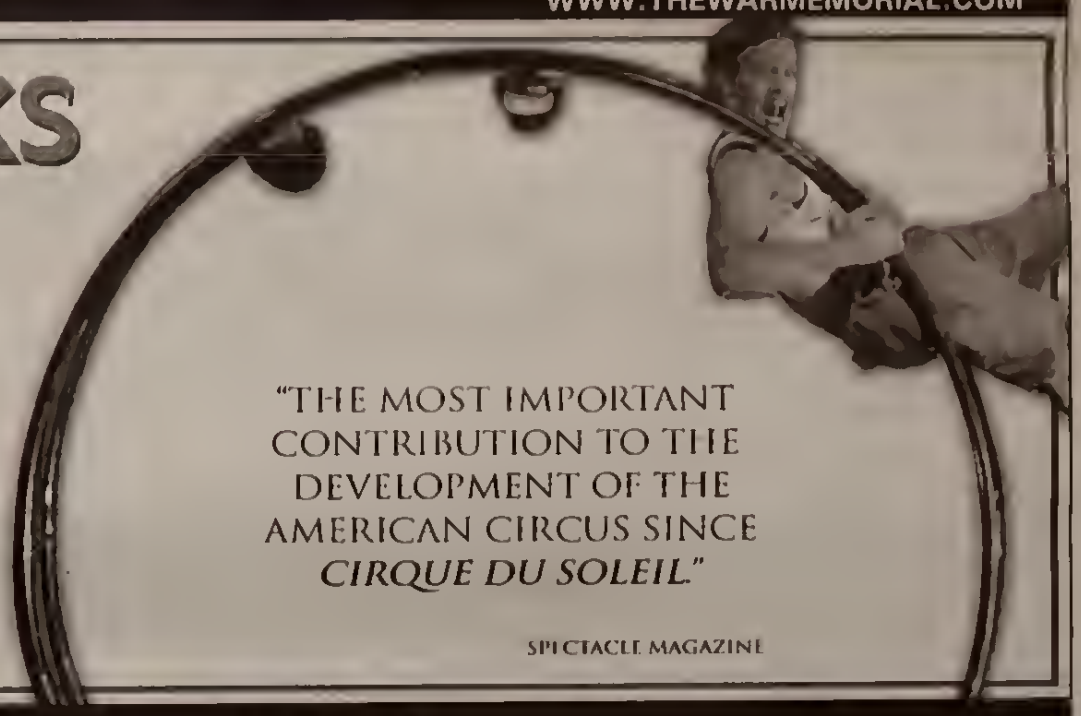

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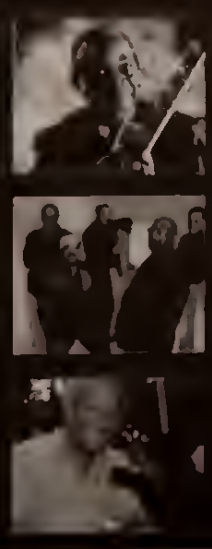

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Julia Brav

Local Pianist Julia Brav Wins International Honor

The jazz pianist Julia Brav, daughter of Peter and Janet Brav of Princeton and a member of the class of '08 at Princeton University, has been selected to the International Association for Jazz Education (IAJE) Sisters in Jazz Collegiate All-Star Quintet. The group will perform at the IAJE 35th Annual Conference in Toronto, Canada next week, from January 9 to 13 for one of the world's largest jazz gatherings. More than 7,000 educators, musicians, and industry representatives from over 35 countries are expected to attend.

Ms. Brav is a music major and a member of the certificate program in musical performance at Princeton University and has been a member of the university jazz program since she was a junior at Princeton High School. The IAJE recognition is Ms. Brav's second major international honor in jazz performance this year. in May she was named winner of Outstanding Performance honors in the Best College Jazz Soloist category in *Down Beat* magazine's 30th Annual Student Music Awards Competition.

Ms. Brav has also performed and recorded with Princeton's Jazz Composers Collective and traveled to Estonia in the fall of 2006 for a series of concerts sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre. Her original music was recorded for broadcast on Estonian National Radio, and at Theatre No. 99 in Tallinn. Her composition "Il Mago" can be found on the recent CD release *Expanding Horizons*.

While at Princeton Ms. Brav has also performed as a featured soloist with many of the University's jazz ensembles, in the process working alongside such guest soloists as Jimmy Heath, Conrad Herwig, Don Braden, Bryan Carrott, and Guilherme Franco. She was also featured at McCarter with the Juilliard Jazz Orchestra, directed by Wycliffe Gordon, and the Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble performing Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn's "Far East Suite."

The mission of the IAJE Sisters in Jazz program is to encourage and promote the participation of young women in the art of jazz, both educationally and professionally, through a mentoring program linking them with established women musicians. The annual Collegiate Competition is an outgrowth of the mentoring mission, providing opportunities for outstanding instrumentalists and singers to meet more experienced female artists and industry professionals and perform before international audiences.

"The Marriage of Figaro" Next Week at Richardson

A production of Mozart's classic The *Marriage of Figaro* will be presented twice during the weekend of January 12 and 13 at Richardson Auditorium — at 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. The opera is being staged through the University Department of Music class, "Projects in Vocal Performance."

The student cast spent the past semester rehearsing for the production. The opera's chorus and orchestra include students from the University Glee Club and Princeton University Orchestra.

The production will be conducted by Richard Tang Yuk, associate director of Princeton's Program in Musical Performance and director of the University Glee Club, and directed by David Kellet, a University lecturer in music. Mr. Tang Yuk said there was so much interest in the opera that they decided to double cast many of the roles after students auditioned this past spring.

"We wanted to allow more students to share in the experience of performing in a fully staged opera," said Mr. Tang Yuk. "It is twice as much work to coach two casts, and takes almost twice as long to stage it, but the students are very excited to be preparing this magnificent score."

The students met in class for three hours twice a week to prepare for their roles. They also put in extra hours attending private vocal coaching, orchestra readings, and costume fittings.

The opera's score includes some of Mozart's most famous music, including the arias "Non più andrai," "Porgi amor," and "Voi che sapete." Music will be sung in an English translation of the original Italian written by Lorenzo da Ponte.

Composed in 1785, The *Marriage of Figaro* is a comedy of love in all its forms, from adolescent crushes to conjugal affection and forbidden lust. The plot centers on servants Figaro and Susanna, who are to be married, but not without complications. Susanna and Figaro must try to survive a day of mistaken identity, disguises, pretended seduction, and serenading with their wedding and love intact.

Reserved seating tickets are priced at $20 for general admission and $10 for students, and may be purchased online at www.princeton.edu/utickets, by phone at (609) 258-9220 from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, or at the ticketing booth in the University's Frist Campus Center.

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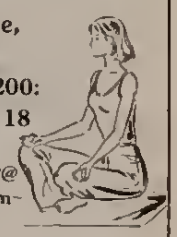

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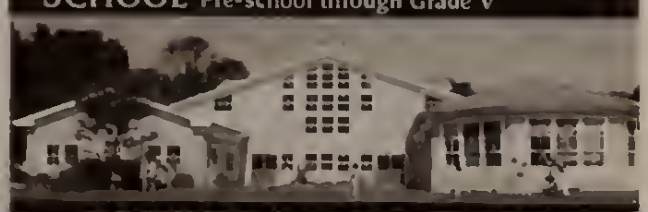

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Folk Society to Present Celtic Singer-Songwriter

Singer-songwriter Robbie O'Connell, a leading performer of Celtic music, will present a Princeton Folk Music Society concert on Friday, January 18 at 8:1S p.m. at Christ Congregation Church, S0 Walnut Lane.

Mr. O'Connell grew up in County Tipperary, where his parents had a small hotel. He began to play guitar and sing at age 13 and soon became a regular perlormer at the hotel's weekly folk concerts. He spent a year touring the folk clubs in England before enrolling at University College, Dublin, where he studied literature and philosophy. In 1977, he joined his famous uncles, the Clancy Brothers, and two years later moved to Franklin, Massachusetts.

Mr. O'Connell has toured throughout Europe, North America, and South America as a solo performer and in groups with such musicians as Eileen Ivers, Seamus Egan, Rich Block, Donal Clancy, Liam Clancy, Mick Maloney and Jimmy Keane. He was featured on the TV series *Bringing It All Back Home*. He has recorded 14 albums.

The Boston Globe has described Mr. O'Connell as "a writer of timeless-sounding, emotionally powerful and olten hilarious songs," and piaces him "among the most respected guitarists, singers and songwriters in Celtic music."

Admission to the concert will be $15 for the general public, $10 for members of the Folk Music Society and affiliated organizations, and $3 for children 11 and under, with special rates for students. There are no advance sales.

For more inlormation about Folk Music Society events, call (609) 799-0944 or visit http://princetonfolk.org.

Joanna Chao

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Steinway Society Sets 2008 Musicale Season

The Steinway Society has announced the first two performers lor its 18th season of Sunday afternoon musicales, held in the Recital Hall of Jacobs Music, 2S40 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville.

First up will be Jennifer Tao, on Sunday, January 20 at 3 p.m. Ms. Tao has earned critical acclaim across the United States and Europe. Born in Miami, Fla., she began her piano studies at the age of five and performed as soloist with orchestra at 10. The following year, she was a soloist with Arthur Fiedler. The awards she has received since have come from the Maryland International Competition, the New York Young Artists in Recital, and the Baldwin National Piano Competitlon.

Selected as a Musical Ambassador by the United States Information Agency, Ms. Tao has toured throughout Europe giving recitals and master classes. As a soloist, she has performed in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, Merkin Hall, and at The New York Historical Society and New School. Internationally, she has been heard in the Philharmonic Hall in Lublin, Poland, The Chopin Music Academy in Warsaw, the Liceo Music Conservatory in Barcelona, and the Esplanade Theatre in Singapore. Her Steinway Society performance will include works by Schubert, Medtner and Chopin.

Dr. Joanna Chao, a Taiwanese pianist who has performed throughout the U.S. and abroad, will present the next Steinway musicale on Sunday, February 24. New York audiences have heard Dr. Chao at Weill Recital Hall and Merkin Concert Hall. She has also performed as soloist with the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra, Fremont-Philharmonic, and New Britain Symphony Orchestra. Her talent has been recognized with awards from the Puigcerda International Piano Competition, Bergen Philharmonic Young Artist Competition, Kingsville International Young Performer's Competition, and the Kosciuzco Foundation Chopin Piano Competition. She is a member of the Argento Chamber Ensemble.

Dr. Chao studied at the Juilliard School and the Peabody Institute ol John Hopkins Universlty. She currently serves on the piano faculty at The College of New Jersey and ear-training faculty at The Juilliard School Pre-College Division. Her February 24 program will include compositions by Beethoven, Brahms, Pesson, and Smetana.

Founded in 1989, the Steinway Society is dedicated to developing the talent of young piano students. The musicales support the annual scholarship program. Admission is $15 for nonmembers and $8 for full-time student nonmembers. The box office opens at Jacobs Music 30 minutes before each performance.

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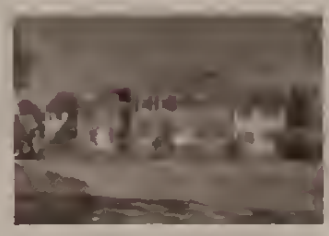

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The Kite Runner

Afghani Best Seller Adapted as Story of Two Friends

Published by Khaled Hosseini in 2003, *The Kite Runner* is an endearing account of the childhood friendship of two young Afghani boys that unfolds against the backdrop of their country's political turmoil, starting from the fall of the monarchy, to the war with the U.S.S.R., and ending with the rise of the Taliban. Brought to the screen by German director Marc Foster (*Monster's Ball*), the book has been adapted as a relatively simplistic, sanitized tale of camaraderie and betrayal that leads to regret and, ultimately, a chance at redemption.

The film is set mostly in Kabul, but opens in present day San Francisco which is where we meet Amir (played as an adult by Khalid Abdalla), a recently published author who is about to return to his native Afghanistan. The movie then immediately flashes back to 1978 where an adolescent Amir (Zekeria Ebrahimi) is flying kites with his playmate Hassan (Ahmad Khan Mahmidzada), who is the son of his father's live-in servant.

The carefree children are inseparable playmates who forge a powerful bond of friendship with each other despite their class differences. However, this changes abruptly the day that Hassan is beaten and raped by a gang of older bullies.

The traumatic incident was secretly witnessed by Amir who was too afraid to try to save his friend from his tormentors or even to run for help. That event permanently alters the boys' relationship, and before Amir is mature enough to explain his inappropriate response to Hassan's traumatic event, or to analyze and understand his own inappropriate behavior, he is whisked off by his father to the United States to escape the impending Soviet invasion.

Half a world away, Amir is busy learning how to live in America and doesn't have time to think much about the fate of Hassan back in Afghanistan. But as his guilt increases over the next 20 years, he becomes haunted by his past betrayal and yearns for a chance to find his friend and beg him to forgive him.

TWO EXPERTS IN THE ART OF AFGHAN KITE FLYING: Amir (Zekeria Ebrahimi, right) discusses their latest episode of kite flying with his best friend and teammate Hassan (Ahmad Khan Mahmidzada). In Afghanistan kite flying is a cutthroat competitive sport in which pairs of kite flyers try to bring down the other teams' kites by flying them into each other or by having their kites slice the other kites' strings.

That, in a nutshell is the story of *The Kite Runner*, a movie which, unfortunately, fails to engage the audience on a visceral level in spite of its earnest endeavor to tug on one's heartstrings. Other than the colorful depiction of the faux Afghani settings (actually shot in China), there's not much to get excited about here.

The screenplay fairly faithfully follows the source material's essential plot points. However, by the end of the film the resolution comes off as an anticlimactic afterthought rather than the expected moving moment. Even a surprising rabbit that is pulled out of the hat towards the end is disappointing.

Read the novel. Or better yet, go fly a kite!

Fair (★½). Rated PG-13 for violence, brief profanity, child rape, and mature themes. In Dari, Pashtu, Urdu, Russian, and English with subtitles. Running time: 128 minutes. Studio: Paramount Vantage.

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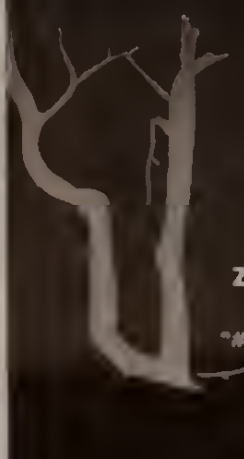

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Aliens vs. Predator: Requiem (R for violence, gore, and profanity). There is no peace on earth this Christmas for the unsuspecting folks in the quiet Colorado town where this science-fiction sequel unfolds pitting the last surviving predator against an army of aliens in a bloody, bestial showdown. With John Ortiz, Steven Pasquale, Shareeka Epps, and Reiko Aylesworth.

Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG for mild crude humor). Combination live-action and computer generated version of the animated TV series from the sixties about a trio of mischievous chipmunks who drive their human guardian (Jason Lee) crazy while he tries to turn them into the latest singing sensation.

Atonement (R for profanity, sexuality, and disturbing war images). Romance drama, opening in England in 1935, about the budding relationship between a rich girl (Keira Knightley) and the son (James McAvoy) of her family's maid aborted when he is falsely accused of a crime by her jealous younger sister (Saoirse Ronan). Supporting cast includes Vanessa Redgrave, Brenda Blethyn, Romola Garai, and Anthony Minghella.

Charlie Wilson's War (R for profanity, nudity, sexuality, and drug use). Tom Hanks handles the title role in this bio-pic based on the George Crile best seller about a boozing, womanizing Congressman from Texas who, in the early eighties, helped secretly fund the covert CIA operation in Afghanistan which led to the demise of the Soviet Union. With Philip Seymour Hoffman, Julia Roberts, and Ned Beatty.

The Golden Compass (PG-13 for fantasy violence). Epic escapist fantasy, based on Philip Pullman's award-winning novel, about a precocious 12 year-old scholar (Dakota Blue Richards) living in Oxford who ventures into a parallel universe to save her best friend and other children kidnapped by an evil organization known as the Gobblers. Cast includes Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig, Ian McKellen, Kathy Bates, Christopher Lee, Ián McShane, Sam Elliott, Kristin Scott Thomas, and Freddie Highmore.

The Great Debaters (PG-13 for profanity, mature themes, brief sexuality, and the depiction of violence and disturbing images). Denzel Washington directs and stars opposite Forest Whitaker and Kimberly Elise in this drama based on fact, set in 1935, about a professor at a small black college who inspired students to form the school's first debate team and to challenge Harvard for the national championship.

I Am Legend (PG-13 for intense action and violence). Will Smith stars in this apocalyptic scince-fiction adventure, based on Richard Matheson's 1954 novel of the same name, about a brilliant scientist's struggle to survive in New York City as he searches for an antidote to the man-made virus which has turned the rest of the human race into a horde of omnivorous flesh-eating mutants.

Juno (PG-13 for profanity, premarital sexuality, and mature themes). Coming-of-age dramatic comedy about a pregnant teen (Ellen Page) who divides her time between getting to know the father (Michael Cera) and bonding with the couple (Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman) about to adopt her unborn baby. Cast includes Allison Janney, J.K. Simmons, and Rainn Wilson.

The Kite Runner (PG-13 for violence, brief profanity, child rape, and mature themes). Adaptation of Khaled Hosseini's bestseller about the quest for redemption of a well-to-do Afghani-American immigrant (Khalid Abdalla) who returns to his native Afghanistan during the reign of the Taliban to find his childhood friend Hassan (Ahmad Khan Mahmidzada), whom he had betrayed and left behind 20 years earlier.

National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG for mild violence). Nicolas Cage reprises his role as treasure hunter Ben Gates for another globe-trotting, action-oriented adventure. This go-round, his quest is to clear the name of an ancestor implicated in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln by finding the 18 pages missing from the diary of John Wilkes Booth's diary. Talented cast includes Oscar-winners Cage, Helen Mirren, and Jon Voight, and nominees Harvey Keitel and Ed Harris.

No Country for Old Men (R for profanity and graphic violence). Coen Brothers adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's modern-day Western about a Vietnam vet (Josh Brolin) on the run after stumbling upon several corpses, a stash of heroin, and 2 million dollars left at the scene of a grisly gun battle near the Rio Grande. Cast includes Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Bardem, Woody Harrelson, Kelly Macdonald, and Stephen Root.

One Missed Call (PG-13 for mature themes, frightening images, terror, intense violence, and some sexual material). Shannyn Sossamon stars in this remake of Chakushin Ari, a horror film from Japan about a traumatized young woman who's afraid to answer her cell phone after several of her ill-fated friends receive messages accurately predicting exactly when and how they will die. With Edward Burns as the detective determined to crack the case.

P.S. I Love You (PG-13 for sexual references and brief nudity). Bittersweet drama adapted from Cecilia Ahern's novel about a grieving widow (Hilary Swank) who deals with her loss with the help of ten monthly messages magically delivered to her posthumously by her late husband (Gerard Butler). Cast includes Lisa Kudrow, Gina Gershon, Kathy Bates, and Harry Connick, Jr.

The Savages (R for sexuality and profanity). Dysfunctional family drama about the sibling rivalry which re-arises between a brother (Philip Seymour Hoffman) and sister (Laura Linney) when they both move back home to care for their senile father (Philip Bosco).

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (R for graphic violence). Johnny Depp stars in this adaptation of the hit Broadway musical, set in nineteenth century London, about a barber bent on revenge after being imprisoned for 15 years for a crime he didn't commit. Directed by Tim Burton, and featuring Helena Bonham Carter, Alan Rickman, and Sacha Baron Cohen.

There Will Be Blood (R for violence). Daniel Day-Lewis stars in this adaptation of *Oil!*, Upton Sinclair's classic, 1927 epic novel chronicling the life of a self-made, California oil tycoon. With Paul Dano, Kevin J. O'Connor, and Ciaran Hinds.

Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story (R for profanity, nudity, sexuality, and drug use). Musical parody of the bio-pic genre stars John C. Reilly in the title role as a rock & roll icon who finally settles down with his longtime backup singer (Jenna Fischer) after several failed marriages, sleeping with over 400 women, fathering 22 children, and overcoming an assortment of drug addictions. With Jonah Hill, Harold Ramis, Morgan Fairchild, Jack Black, and Jason Schwartzmann.

The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep (PG for action/peril, mild epithets, and brief smoking). Fable set during World War II based on the children's book by Dick King-Smith, about a lonely Scottish boy (Alex Etel) who finds a magical egg which hatches a curious sea creature he raises until it grows into a towering monster he must release into the Loch Ness where it becomes the subject of a Scottish legend. Cast includes Emily Watson, Brian Cox, and Ben Chaplin.

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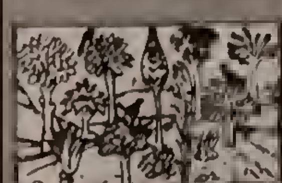

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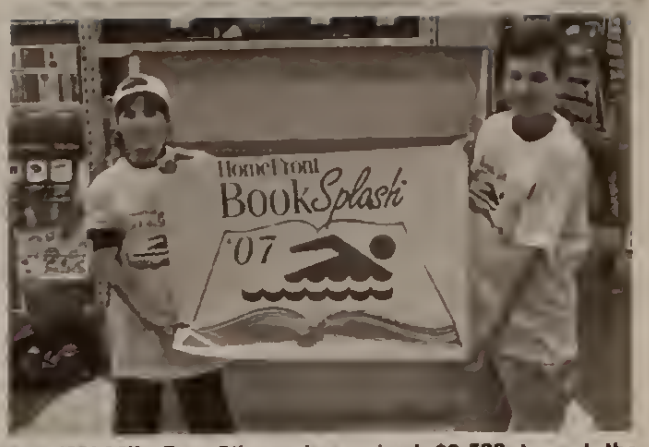

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Jean M. Wiegner has been recognized by the Princeton Area Community Foundation (PACF) for her work to advance philanthropy and encourage charitable giving across central New Jersey. Ms. Wiegner has been with the Merrill Lynch Princeton office for 28 years and serves as a financial advisor. She resides in Prince-ton with her husband and twin daughters.

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Thursday, January 3

Noon: Princeton Environmental Film Festival screening of *Designing a Great Neighborhood: Behind the Scenes at Holiday*; Princeton Public Library.

3 p.m.: Talk by Edward Albee about his play *"Me, Myself and I"*; Princeton Public Library.

4 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Film Festival screening of *Isles: Self-Reliant Homes in Sustainable Communities*; Princeton Public Library.

Friday, January 4

2 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Film Festival screening of *Too Hot Not Too Handle*; Princeton Public Library.

7 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Film Festival screening of *Everything's Cool*; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Paul Venier and Scott Channon; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 5

2 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Film Festival screening of *The Water Front*; Princeton Public Library.

3 p.m.: Arts Council of Princeton's annual comedy film classics, "Classic Comedy Cavalcade"; conTEMPORARY Arts Center, Princeton Shopping Center.

4 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Film Festival screening of *The Unforseen*; Princeton Public Library.

7 to 10 p.m.: Dick Braytenbah Trio with Tony Mennella; Hopewell Valley Bistro & Inn, Hopewell.

Sunday, January 6

Noon: Borough Council Reorganization; Borough Hall.

Noon: Township Committee Reorganization; Township Municipal Complex.

1:30 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Film Festival screening of *Two Square Miles*; Princeton Public Library.

3 p.m.: NAMI Mercer benefit concert with pianist Dr. Richard Kogan; Music Hall, The College of New Jersey, Ewing.

3 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

4 p.m.: Screening of *Camden 28*; Global Cinema Café, Carl A. Fields Center, Princeton University. Free.

4 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Film Festival screening of *Qunrk Park*; Princeton Public Library.

Monday, January 7

12:30 p.m.: Princeton Senior Resource Center opera video series, Mozart's *Don Giovanni*; Suzanne Patterson Building. Free. To register, call (609) 924-7108.

6 p.m.: Celebration of Plough Monday with dance troupe Handsome Molly; Trinity Church, Mercer Street.

7 p.m.: Performance of Plough Monday play by dance troupe Handsome Molly; Princeton Public Library. Free.

8 p.m.: Lecture, "The Economics of Climate Change: Risk, Ethics, and a Global Deal," by author Nicholas Stern; McCosh Hall 50, Princeton University.

Tuesday, January 8

5:30 p.m.: Township Housing Board; Township Municipal Complex.

7 p.m.: Technology Talk with Bob Keith, "How to Build Your Own Computer"; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Township Sidewalk and Bikeway Advisory Committee; Room A, Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: Talk and book signing by Sharon Sakson, author of *Paws & Effect, The Healing Power of Dogs*; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair Mall, Route 1

Wednesday, January 9

7 p.m.: Latin American Task Force of Princeton's Ask-a-Lawyer program; Princeton Public Library.

Thursday, January 10

11:30 a.m.: Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce luncheon with talk on globalization by Barbara Byrne, Vice Chairman of Lehman Brothers; Marriott Princeton Hotel and Conference Center.

7 p.m.: Art Talk with Rachel Mackow and Barbara Osterman; Princeton Public Library. Free.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Friday, January 11

7 p.m.: *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday and Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m.

7 to 8:30 p.m.: Poetry readings by poets Yusef Komunyakaa and Doughtry Long; Gallery 125, Trenton. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Monster Truck Winter Nationals; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton. Also Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Edward Albee's *Me, Myself and I*; Berlind Theatre. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Dryden Ensemble; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary. Also Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Doylestown, Pa.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Rich Ramirez and John McMenamin; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 12

11 a.m.: Princeton Environmental Film Festival screenings of *Trash in the Big Apple, The Recyclergy*, and *Gimme Green*; Princeton Public Library.

7 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Film Festival screening of *King Corn*; Princeton Public Library.

7 to 10 p.m.: Darla Rich Quintet; Hopewell Valley Bistro & Inn, Hopewell.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Department of Music's presentation of Mozart's *The Morriage of Fignro*; Richardson Auditorium. Also Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Rufus Wainwright; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan 2 – Wednesday, Jan 9

Information Provided by Senior Resource Center, 924-7108
SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER (SRC) at Spruce Circle (SC) off Harrison St
Suzanne Patterson Bldg (SPB); Redding Circle (RC), Borough Hall (BH), Harriet Bryan Building (HBH); Henry F. Pannell Learning Center (HPLC), Princeton University (PU); Princeton University Art Museum (PUAM).
Information about resources for the older adult. Call 924-7108.

Wednesday, January 2:

9:15 a.m.	Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Let's Talk; RC.
10:30 a.m.	Word Origins; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Digital Photography; SPB.
11:45 a.m.	Memoir Writing; SC.
1:30 p.m.	Art with Bob; SPB.
1:30 p.m.	Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m.	Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, January 3:

9:30 a.m.	Bridge Adv. Beginners Class; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Yoga; SPB.
1:00 p.m.	Art with Hannah; SPB.
1:00 p.m.	Bridge, sanctioned; SPB.
2:00 p.m.	Quixole; SPB.

Friday, January 4:

9:00 a.m.	Let's Talk English Too; RC.
9:15 a.m.	Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m.	Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:00 a.m.	Chair Exercise; SC.
1:00 p.m.	Movie: "Hairspray"; SPB.

Monday, January 7:

9:15 a.m.	Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Group Drumming; SPB.
11:30 a.m.	Chair Exercise; SC.
12:30 p.m.	Opera video: "Don Giovanni"; SPB.
1:00 p.m.	Senior Club Board; SPB.
1:30 p.m.	Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.
2:30 p.m.	Yoga; HBH.

Tuesday, January 8:

11:00 a.m.	Strength Training; SPB.
1:00 p.m.	Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m.	Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, January 9:

9:15 a.m.	Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Let's Talk; RC.
10:30 a.m.	Word Origins; SPB.
10:30 a.m.	Digital Photography; SPB.
11:45 a.m.	Memoir Writing; SC.
4:30 p.m.	Children of Aging Parents; SPB.

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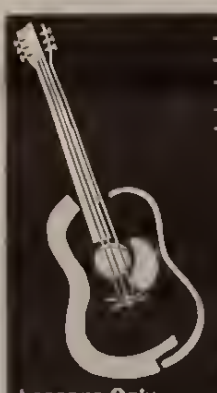
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The Forum's March meeting will feature pianist Ilya Itin, winner of the Leeds International Pianoforte Competition, playing Rachmaninoff.

For directions and more information, call Jean Parsons at (609) 921-1510. Non-members are welcome for a $10 fee at the door.

The **Princeton Recorder Society** will meet on Tuesday, January 8 at the Kingston Presbyterian Church, Kingston, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Socializing will begin at 7 p.m.

The conductor will be recorder virtuoso John Burkhalter.

All recorder players and their guests are welcome. There is no charge for first-time visitors.

For more information, call (609) 393-3762 or visit www.princetonrecorder.org.

Princeton Singles has scheduled the following events in January.

The club will host a breakfast meeting on Friday, January 11 at 9 a.m. at Friendly's Restaurant on Route 206 in Montgomery. Admission is the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (908) 874-5434.

Hour-long hikes along the canal, followed by an optional lunch, are scheduled for Saturday, January 12 and Saturday, January 26. Participants will meet at the bridge next to the Canal Walk parking lot at 10 a.m. For reservations, call (609) 896-1170.

A Sunday brunch is planned for January 13 at the K.C. Prime Steak House in Lawrenceville. For information and reservations, call (609) 392-1786. A luncheon meeting is also scheduled for January 22 at the Princeton Elks in Blawenburg. For reservations, call (609) 275-5180.

On Saturday, January 19, members will meet at 4 p.m. for a movie at the Montgomery Theatre in the Montgomery Shopping Center, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. For information, call (908) 874-5434.

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** will present a social ballroom dance on Saturday, January 12 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road, featuring waltz, foxtrot, tango, hustle, swing, and Latin dancing.

A beginner-intermediate cha-cha lesson with Candace Woodward-Clough will be offered from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., with open dancing following until 11:30 p.m.

Admission will be $11, with students $8.

For more information, call 609-945-1883 or visit www.centraljerseydance.org.

The **Princeton PC User Group** will meet on January 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mercer County Library in Lawrenceville for a presentation by Neil Cherry on "Home Automation with a Personal Computer."

Mr. Cheery, a test engineer for AT&T Labs and the author of *Linux Smart Home For Dummies*, will discuss software and hardware components for control systems and appliances in the home that provide comfort and security.

Guests and the general public are welcome to attend the meeting. For more information, call (908) 218-0778 or visit www.ppcug-nj.org.

The **Friends of Alouette, International** will host a Benefit Robert Burns Supper on Saturday, January 26 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Union Firehouse, 1396 River Road, Titusville. The Robert Burns Supper, or Burns Night, is a traditional winter celebration in Scotland and England commemorating the Bard's birthday on January 25.

Pennington based, The Friends of Alouette is a grass roots, volunteer charity with projects supporting the education of underprivileged children. Proceeds from the benefit will fund its educational projects in the Philippines, the Gulf, and Mercer County.

The event will feature haggis and a four-course dinner with wine; bagpipe, and other musical performances; and traditional Burns toasts, speeches, and poetry.

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Question: *What's the use in making New Year's Resolutions? I make them on the 1st and break them on the 2nd!*

Answer: Hey, don't be so optimistic! Many people make them on the 1st and break them on the 1st. But, does that mean that you should never make a New Year's Resolution? No.

Happiness is a process, not a product. It is not something you buy on sale at Macy's, but something that you work on each day of your life. When I was young, I thought that just over the hill were all these "normal" people, and that someday I would grow up and be like them. I assumed that would be when I turned 18, but on my 18th birthday, I felt as insecure as ever. So, I imagined that it must occur by age 21, or maybe 25. Certainly, no later than 40! Well, I am 57 and still have not gone through that magic door to perfect maturity.

As you might guess, there is no magic door, and there are no normal people. We all feel insecure. Oh, some hide under a mask of superiority, and manage to fool a great number of us. But, the truth is that they are the most insecure of all.

What it all boils down to is that your growth is an ongoing process. While we try not to see this process as a daily drudgery, we admittedly get stuck walking down the path of life. So, we need to rekindle the fire, helping ourselves get back on track. To do this, we use various points in our year to check on how we are doing and to restart our engines. Some of us use Advent or Lent, Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur, birthdays or anniversaries, and still others use New Year's Day.

Therefore, New Year's resolutions are a good idea. However, if you think that your new start is to wipe your slate clean and begin all over again, then you have missed the point. You build on the foundation of your inner strengths, continually polishing "the diamond in the rough" that you were into the gem that you can be. You will never be "normal" or "perfect", as these states do not exist. But, you can be progressively more & more happy, and more & more mature. So, make your New Year's resolution, and, when you slip and break it, pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and keep on going.

This Wellness column is funded through the generosity of a grant from the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. Charitable Trusts. If you would like Father Stimpson to answer a question of yours on family life, daily living or emotional health, you can write to him at Trinity Counseling Service, 22 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Trinity Counseling Service provides clinical or pastoral counseling on a sliding fee scale for all who need help and support. Phone Trinity Counseling Service at 609-924-0060 to set an appointment.

Sports

Balancing Hockey, Academics to Perfection, PU's Stankievech Earns Rhodes Scholarship

Landis Stankievech got a bit of a comeuppance in the fall of 2004 as he adjusted to the academic rigors at Princeton University.

"On my first physics quiz, I got nine questions right out of 20," recalled Stankievech.

"I realized things were at a different level and that I couldn't do things like I used to."

The Trochu, Alberta native, though, has given a lot of right answers since that inauspicious start.

Stankievech, who plays for the Princeton men's hockey team, won the Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence in 2005 and 2006 and the Manfred Pyka Memorial Physics Prize in 2005.

He also gained honors for the hockey team, being named as a District II Academic All-America last year and as a two-time member of the All-ECAC All-Academic team.

Recently, Stankievech earned the ultimate academic accolade, getting awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, one of 11 Canadian winners of the prestigious fellowship.

For Stankeivech, hockey and academics have been intertwined since he was a youngster.

"I think I was about six years old when I took up hockey; I can't remember a time when I wasn't playing" said Stankievech, who is the 20th Princeton athlete to receive a Rhodes Scholarship.

"My dad played and I had watched him. I think every Canadian kid tries hockey. I guess I always enjoyed school. I have always worked hard; I was never one of those kids who could test off the cuff. I needed to be putting in time to be doing well."

After graduating from the Trochu Valley School, Stankievech took a bit of a respite from the classroom as he played junior hockey for the Olds Grizzlys of the Alberta Junior Hockey League (AJHL).

In Stankievech's view, his two years in the juniors was a necessary step in his preparation for Princeton.

"I don't think I would have been ready for college hockey," said Stankievech, who did some tutoring and took some college courses during his juniors stint. "I needed to get stronger mentally and physically."

Once Stankievech was ready for college, he narrowed his choice to Harvard and Princeton.

"My only fly down was to Princeton and Harvard," said Stankievech, who also considered Colgate, Dartmouth, and Brown.

"Princeton was just amazing; I fell in love with it. The guys on the team were awesome; the campus was beautiful. The vibe I got was amazing. As a small town person, I liked the idea that you could walk everywhere."

Upon arriving at Princeton, Stankievech had to walk before he could run in both hockey and in the classroom.

"In hockey, it was the typical thing you hear, the players were smarter, faster, and stronger," said Stankievech.

"In school, I had to study so I'd know the material, not just be satisfied that I had seen something. You couldn't work things out on tests, you needed a deeper understanding of the material. I had to do a lot of practice problems."

In order to excel at both pursuits, Stankievech has kept to a grueling daily schedule.

A typical day for Stankievech starts with class at 10 a.m. and ends with him wrapping up his studies around midnight.

In between, there are two and hall hours of class, seven hours of study, and two and a half hours of rink time with meals squeezed in between school and practice.

"It's been eating, hockey, and school," said Stankievech with a weary chuckle.

Stankievech decided to add the pursuit of the Rhodes Scholarship to his busy schedule upon the advice of one of his teammates.

"During my sophomore year, a teammate said that I should apply when I was a senior," said Stankievech, a mechanical and aerospace engineering major.

"I just filed that away. I looked into it at the end of my junior year and I thought it fit well with who I am and what I want to do with the rest of my life."

While the Rhodes Scholarship process is infamous for its grueling, intimidating interviews that culminate the selection procedure, Stankievech wasn't fazed.

"The interviews were enjoyable," said Stankievech, who is one of 20 collegiate hockey players named as finalists for the men's hockey division of the 2007-08 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award which is presented annually in eight sports and focuses on the "Four C's" of classroom, character, community, and competition. "They were not adversarial; they challenged you and pushed you."

Finding out that he had been selected for the Rhodes sparked a reaction tantamount to scoring a winning goal.

"I was very excited," recalled Stankievech. "I just pumped my fist; a lot of things went through my mind."

Stankievech plans to utilize the scholarship to study philosophy, politics, and economics at Oxford.

"I see the plan of study as the modern alternative to the classics; it will give me a good perspective on trying to solve issues in the world," explained Stankievech, who plans to get into academics or work for a think tank regarding environmental issues after his time at Oxford.

"I see it as building on engineering but the technical, arithmetical analysis is still applicable."

RHODES WARRIOR: Princeton University men's hockey player Landis Stankievech looks to pass the puck in recent action. Excelling on the ice and in the classroom, Stankievech, was recently awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. Stankievech, a Trochu, Alberta native, was one of 11 Canadian winners of the prestigious fellowship and the 20th Princeton athlete to be so honored. *(Photo by Stephen Goldsmith)*

Whatever he pursues, Stankievech knows that he will have the support of his teammates.

"They were pumped; they encouraged me at each step of the process," said Stankievech, recalling the team's reaction to his getting awarded the Rhodes. "They are really positive; we are like a family on the team."

With the Tigers bringing a 5-7 overall record and a 4-4 mark in ECAC Hockey League play into 2008, Stankeivech will focus his efforts on helping his hockey family excel.

"We have had some highs and lows this season," noted Stankievech, a 5'11, 195-pound forward who has 18 points in 94 career appearances for the Tigers.

"Beating Cornell at Cornell was great but then we have had some rough patches. The losses to Notre Dame before the break were a downer. We just need to recommit to playing Princeton hockey and help the young guys understand what it means to play that way."

In making that commitment, Stankievech will utilize the approach that has served him well in the classroom.

"You face pressure situations in both; you have to deal with certain stresses," said Stankievech.

"I'd like to think that each has a positive effect on the other. Both are intense activities and I have tried to do my best at both."

And few have balanced those pursuits at Princeton any better than Stankievech.

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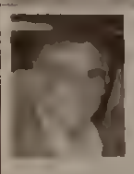
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Sherry Making Points for PU Women's Hockey; Hopes to Turn Heads at US Hockey Tryout Camp

When Sasha Sherry joined the Princeton University women's hockey team this season, the freshman defenseman was focused on tending to her blue line duties.

Instead, the 6'0 native of Lehighton, Pa. has emerged as a major scoring threat for the Tigers, scoring 15 points in the team's first 16 games, good for second place on the team behind Marykate Oakley's 17 points.

For Sherry, her offensive production has been a bonus as she looks to fit in with the Tigers.

"I'm a bit surprised," said Sherry, who has two goals and 13 assists for the 7-7-2 Tigers.

"I consider myself a team player that does whatever the team needs me to do and whatever it takes for the team to win. It makes me feel great to score; I feel like I am really contributing to the team."

Even as Sherry has been piling up the points, the transition to college hockey has been challenging.

"You have to make decisions faster," said Sherry, who helped her high school program, Shattuck-St. Mary's (Minn.), win three national titles.

"In high school you can stand with the puck for a second. In college, you have to make decisions right away. The systems are really important, you really need to know positioning. You need to know where you need to be and where your teammates are going to be. If you are not in the right place at the right time, you can hurt the team."

Sherry will be in a special place this week as she heads up to Lake Placid, N.Y. for the USA Hockey Women's holiday camp, looking to make the U.S. Under-18 squad for the World Women's Under-18 Championship in Calgary, Alberta from January 7-12.

Building on the progress she has made so far in her debut campaign with the Tigers, Sherry is confident she will turn heads at the camp.

"I feel like since I am the only girl with college experience so that puts me ahead," said Sherry, whose teammates Katherine Dineen and Lizzie Keady will be in camp trying to make the U.S. U-22 team.

"I feel like I am a good passer; I can make the pass from the defensive zone to get the team going up the ice. I have a good shot from the point."

Princeton head coach Jeff Kampersal is impressed with how quickly Sherry has gotten the point as she has moved up to the college level.

"For 16 games, she has been really solid," said Kampersal. "She has a lot of reach, good height, and good hands. She gets in trouble when she makes one move and then tries to make two or three more. When she simplifies her game, she can be dominant. She is still young and learning. She is an awesome kid; she is very coachable."

Sherry is used to succeeding quickly when it comes to sports. She starred as a competitive swimmer from ages 6 to 8 before she took up hockey. Once in hockey, she quickly moved up the ranks, going from her local rink's in-house team to playing on boys' travel teams out of Philadelphia.

Realizing that she needed a better level of competition by the time she was in high school, Sherry headed out to Faribault, Minnesota to play for the high-powered program at Shattuck St. Mary's. Sherry scored 70 points as a senior and 56 the previous season in helping the program dominate on the national scene.

In Sherry's view, her experience at Shattuck St. Mary's was pivotal in her development as a person and hockey player.

"It deftnitely helped me mature," said Sherry. "I was living on my own. I was independent and I couldn't rely on my mother to help me. Hockey-wise, we played a lot of games and I got so much game experience."

With Prtnceton having produced a sweep of Union and Rensselaer in its last weekend of play in December, Sherry is confident the team can win a lot of games when tt returns to action in 2008.

"I think there have been some games that could have gone either way," said Sherry, who figures to still be In Lake Placid when Princeton plays at Connecticut on January 4 and 5.

"If we had won those games, we could have had more momentum. I think the last weekend was great; we really came together as a team. We played with confidence. We had scoring from different people and we are going to need that."

And Princeton is going to need Sherry to keep scoring if it is to build some momentum in the second half of the season.

—Bill Alden

RARE SHERRY: Princeton University women's hockey freshman star Sasha Sherry controls the puck in recent action. Sherry has made a sudden impact for the 7-7-2 Tigers, scoring 15 points, good for second place on the team behind Marykate Oakley's 17 points. Sherry will look to turns heads this week as she heads to Lake Placid, N.Y. for the USA Hockey Women's holiday camp, looking to make the U.S. Under-18 squad for the World Women's Under-18 Championship in Calgary, Alberta from January 7-12. (Photo by Bill Alden/PU Sports)

PU Women's Hockey Ends 2007 on High Note, Aims to Keep Progressing After Holiday Break

If you had spoken to Princeton University women's hockey coach Jeff Kampersal on the evening of December 1, he would have said that his team was ready for its holiday break then and there.

The Tigers fell 3-2 to Cornell that day, giving Princeton four losses in a six-game stretch.

Princeton, though, had one more weekend of action before its break and it took some good cheer into the holiday.

Clicking on all cylinders, the Tigers routed Union 7-0 on December 7 as junior Annie Greenwood scored two goals while Caroline Park, Katherine Dineen, Maddie Endicott, Marykate Oakley, and Sasha Sherry netted one apiece.

A day later, Princeton blanked Rensselaer 3-0 as Laura Martindale, Melanie Wallace, and Lizzie Keady each found the back of the net with junior goalie Kristen Young earning her third shutout of the season.

Kampersal was happy to see his team end 2007 on a high note. "I thought we played really well against Union and RPI," said Kampersal, whose team took a 7-7-2 overall record and a 5-5-1 mark in the ECAC Hockey League into the holidays.

"We only gave up 20-21 shots the whole weekend so we played dominant defense. We also had timely offense."

Some of that offense came from such unlikely sources as freshmen Caroline Park and Laura Martindale got into the act.

"Caroline really picked us up in the Union game; she made a really nice move on the goalie on her goal," said Kampersal, whose team is currently fourth in the ECACHL standings.

"Martindale gave us a lift with her goal against RPI; it was her first career goal."

The Tigers have also gotten a lift from one of their most battle-tested stars, sentor forward Lizzie Keady, who has returned to action after having foot surgery earlier in the season.

"Keady is back," said Kampersal of the speedy forward who has 78 career points in 102 games.

"Her first weekend back she worked like she always does but in the second weekend, she played much better."

The constant every weekend for Princeton has been junior goalie Young.

"Kristen has been great; she competes hard and is really passionate when she is on the ice," asserted Kampersal of the Calgary, Alberta native who has a goals against average of 2.11.

"She worked really hard over the summer; she is tough emotionally and physically. She has a good base. She carries a big load for us and she has worked really hard."

If the Tigers can work hard upon their return from the holidays, Kampersal believes the club can produce a strong finish.

"I give them good marks except for the two Cornell games," said Kampersal, whose team will be back in action when it heads to the University of Connecticut for a two-game set on January 4-5.

"We have worked hard and we have been in just about every game. We have good defense and a good goalie. I think we can do well after the break. We need to get our offense sparked; we want to control the puck and get as much possession as possible."

—Bill Alden

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Memories, Friendships Still Strong for Lewullis As 1997-98 PU Men's Hoops Team Recognized

Gabe Lewuflis and his teammates from the legendary 1997-98 Princeton University men's basketball team took things in stride as they were honored recently during a halftime ceremony at Jadwin Gym.

Dressed casually in a cobaft bfue shirt and black slacks, Lewullis graciously waved to the crowd when introduced and then shared knowing laughs with his teammates as their exploits were recounted.

The crowd at Jadwin was not laid back as they cheered heartily in greeting the storied team that took the college basketbalf world by storm 10 years ago when it went 27-2 and rose to the Top 10 in the national polls.

For the pfayers themselves, the get-together wasn't all that nnique as the bonds they developed during their years at Princeton have kept them close over the years.

"We all keep in touch with everybody already; we get to use this as another time to get together and hang out," said Lewullis, a 6'6 forward who averaged 14.2 points a game during the 1997-98 season and ended his Princeton career with 1,277 points, good for ninth all-time in program history.

"We all got in last night and went to dinner and then hit the eating clubs a fittle bit. We played a fittle basketball this morning at Dillon Gym. The things we talked about last night and today were the same things we talked about then."

Fighting and winning many a basketball battle together has led to friendships that will last a fifetime.

"When things go poorly, if you are with your friends, you are going to go through it," said Lewullis, a 1999 PU grad who is currently an orthopedic surgery resident at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia.

"These are the guys you can really trust. You can have tough situations in basketball but that's OK if the guy next to you Is going to puil you through it. Our guys did."

While the 1997-98 team returned a core of veteran stars including Brian Earl, Mitch Henderson, Steve Goodrich, and James Mastaglio, Lewullis didn't expect the team to capture the nation's attention.

"We went on a trip to Italy where we toured the country as a team," recalled Lewullis, whose place in Princeton hoops lore was assured in 1996 when he hit the backdoor fay-up that topped defending champion UCLA in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

"We played some tough teams out there. ft gave us an extra chance to practice and play against some professionals. Our schedule worked out nicely. We played Texas, N.C. State, and Wake Forest in the first part of the season. ft was all on national TV so we made news right away. Playing the Ivy League season helped us move into the Top 10. We swept through the competition."

But while the team was being chronicled by the fikes of Sports fllustrated, the New York Times, Time Magazine, and ABC News, among many others, Lewuflis and his teammates didn't get caught up in the media hoopla.

"Our coaching staff helped us all keep things in perspective," said Lewullis. "We knew what was important and it wasn't what was in the newspapers. I don't think the guys got caught up in it all; that was the mentality of the team when it took the floor."

While the schoof-record 27 wins tend to run together when Lewullis fooks back to 1997-98, the two losses that season (a 50-42 loss to North Carolina in the regufar season and a 63-56 loss to Michigan State in the second round of the NCAA tournament) stilf stick in his craw.

"I think about the season at times, especially when I see North Carofina and Michigan State on TV," said Lewullis.

"We wish we had the chance to play those teams again. We were up at Carolina with eight minutes to go; they had five future NBA players on their team. Against Michigan State, we shot so poorfy. They played us tough but we lost that one ourselves."

The lessons learned along that special journey aid Lewulfis on a daily basis, particularfy when he is in the operating room.

"I think all of us had a mentality of getting through adversity," said Lewullis.

"Pfaying for Coach Carril and then Coach Carmody was tough; there are not a lot of things you face in life that you aren't going to be able to deal with."

But in the final analysis, it is the relationships with his teammates that stand out the most when Lewullis looks back at his college career.

"The core group of peopfe I met at Princeton are some of the most amazing people I have met," said Lewullis. "It was a special time; we ali appreciate what Princeton has done for us."

And those who got to watch Lewullis and his teammates in action 10 years ago certainly appreciate what a special season that was.

—Bill Alden

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES: Former Princeton University men's basketbafl star Gabe Lewullis acknowledges the cheers of the Jadwin Gym crowd in a recent halftime ceremony honoring the 1997-98 Tiger squad. Lewullis, now an orthopedic surgery resident in Philadelphia, averaged 14.2 points a game for that legendary team which went 27-2 and rose to the Top 10 in the national pofls. (Photo by Stephen Goldsmith)

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With DeBlois Providing Leadership and Heart, PHS Boys' Hockey Pushing Through Adversity

Kyle DeBlois has played on a lot of winning teams during his athletic career at Princeton High.

In the fall, DeBlois has been a stalwart for a PHS boys' soccer program that won a Central Jersey sectional crown in 2006 and won the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) this past fall on the way to a 17-1 season.

Over the winter months, DeBlois has starred for the Little Tiger boys' hockey team which advanced to the sweet 16 in the Public state tournament the past two winters and made it to the MCT title game last season.

This winter, though, DeBlois has been getting a steady diet of losing as the PHS boy's hockey team has struggled to a 2-5 start.

After the Little Tigers fell 11-1 to Madison High at Baker Rink on December 21, the senior captain acknowledged that the he is experiencing some bumps in the road.

"It's pretty tough," said DeBlois. "We came out of a great season this year in soccer. Last year we had a great season in hockey but we lost our coach [Paul Merrow]. It's been hard but we just have to push through it."

DeBlois admitted that the team had a rough night at the office in the loss to Madison.

"It was definitely a tough game," said DeBlois. "I feel like we let our coach down and our team down. Hopefully from here, it won't be as rough as it was today."

While the defeat was disappointing, PHS still showed progress over the week as it picked up its first two wins of the season.

"We came out 2-2," said DeBlois. "We expected all four games but not everything goes your way. At least it lets us know that we are doing something right."

Getting those victories under their belt before the holiday break gave the Little Tigers a psychological lift.

"It keeps your morale up instead of going without a win," said DeBlois. "It lets you know that you can compete with teams. We are showing it."

The PHS starting lineup is pushing itself hard to compete as DeBlois, together with Jon Naylor, Billy Ward, Jeff Goeke, and Fraser Graham, are logging the lion's share of the playing time.

"It's physically demanding," said DeBlois. "I think coach does a good job in practices getting us fit for that. He knows we have a short bench."

DeBlois is dealing with an additional challenge as he has been shifted to defenseman from his normal position of forward.

"It's a new change," said DeBlois. "I've never really played defense before but I'm willing to step in and do my part to help the teams. It's not a big deal for me."

PHS coach Tim Campbell liked the way his players stepped in and kept plugging as they played four games in five days.

"Those guys are exhausted; this is our fourth game in five days," said Campbell. "I'm proud of my guys, they played hard all week long. We got two really, really big wins that I am proud of. I think fatigue set in tonight."

The first-year head coach acknowledges that he is going to have to extend his rotation as the season unfolds.

"We don't have a deep bench," said Campbell, whose team beat Nottingham 11-1 on December 17 and topped Hamilton 9-3 on December 20.

"We have a lot of strength at one end and a lot of inexperience at the other end. As a coach, myself and my assistant (Terrence Miller) need to sit down and think about strategy; mixing up our talent and evening things out a little more."

Campbell has no qualms with how his starters have handled their heavy load.

"They are my five starters for a reason," said Campbell, who has been working freshman forward Peter Twining and freshman defenseman Dean DiTosto into the rotation. "In a 45-minute game, they'll play 42 minutes. There is a chemistry there that does exist between them."

SENIOR GUIDANCE: Princeton High boys' hockey star Kyle DeBlois controls the puck in a game last season. This winter, senior captain DeBlois has been providing leadership on and off the ice as PHS has struggled to a 2-5 start. The Little Tigers will return from the holiday break when they play Lawrence on January 2 at Mercer County Park and then play road games at Monroe

Campbell credits DeBlois with positively influencing the team's overall chemistry.

"I wish I could clone his heart, that kid has a heart of gold," asserted Campbell.

"He plays defense, he plays offense. That kid would play goalie if I asked him. He never quits and he's a great leader off the ice. He says a lot of things that a coach wouldn't necessarily say in situations where it needs to be said."

The contributions DeBlois has made in the locker room dovetail with Campbell's vision for the program.

"My priorities are a lot bigger than wins or losses," said Campbell. "I'm looking to build a program and the key is the team atmosphere. My focus is on the off the ice things that you don't see. The wins will come when they come."

Now that the team has tasted victory, Campbell is hoping more wins will come when PHS plays Lawrence on January 2 at Mercer County Park and then plays road games at Monroe on January 4 and Pennington on January 7.

"We have some league games coming up that we can capitalize on," said Campbell. "On January 2 we have a game right off the bat against Lawrence. We want to come out and keep pushing."

As the team captain, DeBlois is going to make sure the team keeps pushing. "It's my duty to stay positive and set a good example for the team," said DeBlois.

"I need to make sure that no one gets their heads down. We have to get some rest and then come out ready to win the games that are coming up."

—Bill Alden

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PDS Girls' Hockey Passes Litmus Test, Win Over Pingry Shows Solid Progress

MAYES LANDING: Princeton Day School girls' hockey goalie Bryanna Mayes guards the net in action last year. The junior star posted shutouts in PDS' last two games of 2007 as the Panthers topped Lansdale Catholic 2-0 on December 17 and then blanked Pingry 5-0 three days later. PDS, now 4-3, will return to action with a home game against powerful Morristown-Beard on January 9 and then host Rye Country Day on January 11 and Millbrook on January 12.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

For the Princeton Day School girls' ice hockey team, its game against Pingry on December 20 was not just its last game before the holiday break, it was a litmus test.

Last winter, PDS dropped two tight contests to Pingry on the way to an 8-14 campaign.

Going 3-3 in its six games this season, PDS looked at the Pingry game as a barometer of its progress.

Putting together a complete game with stingy defense and opportunistic offense, PDS rolled to a 5-0 win and showed that it is a team on the rise.

PDS co-coach Kat Smithson, whose team got three goals from Katherine Levinton and two from Georgia Travers in the win, saw the triumph as a breakthrough of sorts.

"We played really well," said Smithson, noting that PDS started the week with a 2-0 win over Lansdale Catholic. "It was a big lift for us after we had lost to them twice last year. I don't think I could be happier with the way the girls are playing."

Smithson's colleague, co-coach Gretchen Jaeckel, viewed the victory over Pingry as the latest step in the progress the team has been making recently.

"The last couple of games we have been making passes," said Jaeckel. "We have been breaking out of the defensive zone well. The girls have figured that out and it's great to see. They are surprising themselves."

Jaeckel, for her part, was not surprised by the fact that Levinton and Travers led the offensive charge for the Panthers.

"Katherine has come out of her shell; she is really showing leadership," added Jaeckel. "Georgia is a quiet kid; she has come out with a lot of energy. She also does things off the ice to help the team get excited."

PDS is excited about the good play it has been getting this season from junior goalie Bryanna Mayes.

"I think Bryanna is playing a lot more consistently this season," said Jaeckel of Mayes, who had 15 saves in earning the shutout in the win over Pingry.

"She is having a lot of fun; she's enjoying the team more this year. Her attitude is much more positive." .

Jaeckel believes the team is showing a positive attitude collectively. "We have a lot of leaders on this team and it's not just the seniors," said Jaeckel.

"The girls are doing more things off the ice in terms of dry land training. They are more serious but they also like to have fun. They are really jelling as a team."

While Smithson acknowledges that the team may lose a little steam with the holiday break, she is confident that the Panthers can continue to jell when they hit the ice in 2008.

"There is always that possibility but the kids need to relax a bit from hockey and school and spend some family time," said Smithson, whose team will return to action with a home game against powerful Morristown-Beard on January 9 and then host Rye Country Day on January 11 and Millbrook on January 12.

"I think they are stepping up. They are understanding what they are capable of and they are gaining experience."

—Bill Alden

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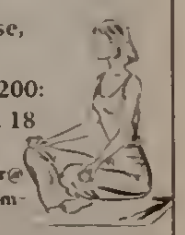

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Girls' Basketball: Emily Gratch and Meg Rigous performed well but it wasn't enough as Hun fell 57-52 to Allentown Catholic last Thursday in the North Hunterdon holiday tournament. Gratch and Rigous each scored 14 points as the Raiders dropped to 7-2 on the season. Hun was slated to play in the tournament's consolation game on December 28. In upcoming action, Hun will host Germantown Academy on January 5 before playing at Peddie on January 8.

PDS

Boys' Basketball: Joe Rogers had another big game as PDS edged host Dunellen 69-68 last Thursday in the opening round of the Mike Shello Tournament. Rogers poured in 29 points and Kenny Holzhammer added 13 as the Panthers improved to 8-0 on the season. PDS was scheduled to play in the tourney's championship game on December 28. In upcoming action, PDS will host Pennington on January 5 before playing at Princeton High on January 7.

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X-Cel Swimming Club Strong at Fall Festival

The Princeton-based X-Cel Swimming club produced a number of outstanding performances at the recent Fall Festival of X-Cellence, which X-Cel co-hosted with Whitewaters Swimming at Princeton University's De-Nunzio Pool.

In the 10-and-under girls, Jessica Wang placed first in the 100 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke and took second in the 50 freestyle. Hannah Ash finished second in the 500 free and third in the 200 IM while Samantha Chan placed third in the 100 breast.

In 10-and under boys, Allan Wang placed second in the 100 butterfly and took fourth in the 100 backstroke, 100 free, and 50 breast.

In the 11-12 girls category, Julia Cunningham won five events: the 200 back, the 100 fly, the 400 IM, the 200 IM, and the 200 fly. Aleksa Lapinas placed first in the 50 free and the 100 free and took second in the 100 breast and 200 IM. Serena Deardorff was second in the 200 fly and third in the 100 fly. Cindy Shi was third in the 200 breast.

In the 11-12 boys, Patrick Park produced a dominant effort. Park won five events: the 100 breast, the 400 IM, the 200 IM, the 200 breast, and the 200 fly. He took second in the 100 fly.

In the 13-14 girls, Megan Lydzinski won the 50 and 100 free events and placed third in the 200 IM. Anna Marshall placed second in both the 100 and 200 breast races. Brynja Winnan placed third in the 100 fly and the 100 free. Jocelyn Yuen placed second in the 100 IM, the 100 breast, the 200 IM, and the 200 breast.

X-Cel swimmers also starred in the relay events. The girls' 10 and under 200 free relay team of Jessica Wang, Hannah Ash, Emily Hung, and Cynthia Wu took second. The 10-and-under girls 200 medley A team of Emily Hung, Samantha Chan, Jessica Wang, and Hannah Ash placed first.

The 11-12 girls' 200 free relay team of Aleksa Lapinas, Serena Deardorff, Julia Cunningham, and Alexandra Lager placed first and the same quartet also won the 200 medley relay.

The 13-14 girls' 200 free relay team of Megan Lydzinski, Brynja Winnan, Jocelyn Yuen, and Connie Zhang placed second. The 13-14 girls' 200 medley relay of Brynja Winnan, Anna Marshall, Jocelyn Yuen, and Megan Lydzinski won with a time of 1:53.3, setting a new X-Cel record.

Princeton YMCA Hoops Registration Underway

Registration has started for the Princeton Family YMCA's 2008 Youth and Adult Basketball Leagues.

The YMCA Youth Basketball League serves boys and girls, ages 4 to 16 years old. In addition to teaching fundamental basketball skills, the program instills values of teamwork and fair play. The league begins Saturday, January 5 for a 10-week season. Most games will be played on Saturdays at the Princeton Family YMCA and Littlebrook Elementary School. Volunteer coaches are welcome and training and materials are provided. All participants will receive a trophy at the end of the season.

Teams are forming now for the YMCA's Adult "4 on 4" Basketball League for adults 18 and over. The season begins Thursday, January 10 and includes 10 regular-season games plus a playoff format. Weekly Thursday night games will be played at the Hun School of Princeton. Team trophies and a traveling trophy for league champions will be awarded. The deadline for registration is December 21.

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YOUNG HERO: Tamal Young, center, and members of the Tee 2 Green Golf Club enjoy the moment as Young accepts the club's Certificate of Achievement. Young, a star center for the Lawrence High football team, was honored in recognition of his selection as the Colonial Valley Conference "Lineman of the Year." Young's grandfather, Pete Young Sr., was a founding member of the Tee 2 Green club. The presentation was made at the Masonic Temple on the corner of John and MacLean Streets in Princeton.

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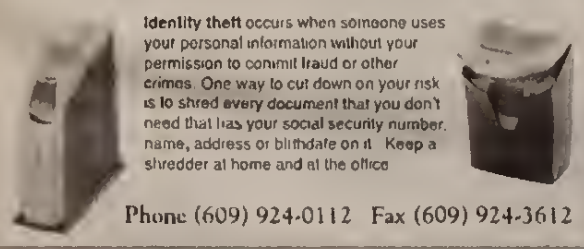

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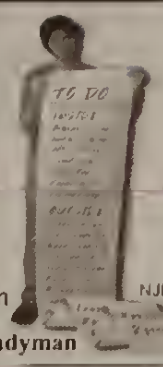

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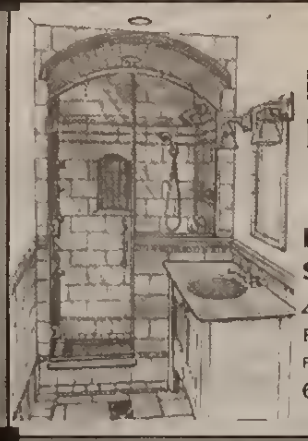

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Obituaries

Martin L. Zapf

Martin L. Zapf, 82, of Lower Makefield Township, Pa., formerly of Princeton, died December 21. The cause was colon cancer.

Born in Princeton, he graduated from Princeton High School in 1943 and entered the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was trained as a B-29 crew member and flew 16 missions over Japan. His crew was forced to bail out over the Sea of Japan on August 8, 1945 and spent seven days in life rafts before being picked up by Japanese fishermen. As World War II hostilities ceased the next day, the crew was considered to be the last POWs captured during the war. Mr. Zapf was the last survivor of the crew.

After the war, Mr. Zapf graduated from Rider University and began his career with Burroughs Corporation (now Unisys) in Trenton. His career took him to the international division of the company where he spent 20 years in various international positions, including General Manager of subsidiaries in Jamaica, Philippines, Norway, Germany, Mexico, and Japan. He moved to Yardley after retiring in 1985.

In retirement he was active as a volunteer with the International Executive Service Corps, serving in Zimbabwe, Azerbaijan, and Kazakhstan. He was also a volunteer with the Service Corps of Retired Executives in Fairless Hills, Pa. He was a member of the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce and the Nassau Club of Princeton.

He is survived by his wife, Jutta C. Zapf, and four children, Martha, Susan, Peter, and Mariko.

Interment was December 29 at the Highland Cemetery in Hopewell. A memorial service and reception followed at the Nassau Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301, Attn: Gift Processing.

Arrangements were by the FitzGerald-Sommer Funeral Home, Yardley.

David K. Sengstack

David K. Sengstack, 85, of Princeton, died December 18. He was a leader in educational music publishing for more than 40 years.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he graduated from Rutgers University in 1948 with a BSME degree. He served with the Army Corps of Engineers from 1942 to 1947 and again from 1950 to 1953, mostly in Korea.

He began his career in Chicago in 1948 as sales manager for his father's music publishing house, Clayton F. Summy Co. He succeeded his father as president and sole stockholder in 1958 and acquired C.C. Birchard and Co., changing the name of the company to Summy-Birchard Publishing Co. As the company's holdings expanded, its name was changed to Birch Tree Group, Ltd. and then to The Sengstack Group, Ltd. In addition, it was Mr. Sengstack's recognition of the importance of music in the lives of young children that led to the development of Music Together, a family music program created by his nephew, the composer and music educator Kenneth K. Guilmartin.

When TSG was sold in 1989 to Warner/Chappell Music, Inc., a subsidiary of Time-Warner, Inc., the sale included world rights to the Suzuki Method, The Frances Clark Library, the sole distributorship of Smithsonian/Folkways Records, and the song, "Happy Birthday to You," along with approximately 50,000 other copyrights. After the sale, Mr. Sengstack formed a private foundation for making grants to various charities with emphasis on positive, nurturing experiences for children during the first three years of life.

He served as a trustee of Bucknell University and McCarter Theater; on the boards of the Carrier Clinic Development Fund, the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University, and the Child Health Institute of New Jersey; and on the visiting committee of the Eastman School of Music. He had also been a member of the New York Athletic Club, the Nassau Club, and the Old Guard of Princeton.

Predeceased on December 9 by his daughter, Lynn, he is survived by his wife, Alice; four children, Jeff, Gregg, Michele, and Elizabeth; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was held December 28 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Lois Ann Madsen

Lois Ann Madsen, 67, of Princeton, died December 23 in New Brunswick.

Born in Waukegan, Ill., she moved to Princeton in 1983 and became an ardent student of local history, first as a docent at Drumthwacket and then as a member of the board of directors and secretary of the Historical Society of Princeton. Concurrently, after her two children were in college, she became a licensed real estate appraiser, joining her husband's firm in the valuation of many Borough and Township homes.

An avid stitcher, her needlepoint pillow of the Princeton Oak was donated to the Historical Society for its annual benefit auction and later patterned into a cross-stitch kit for sale in the gift shop.

A faithful member and deacon of Nassau Presbyterian Church, she worked with other members to knit shawls and blankets for persons in need of comfort. To celebrate 250 years of Presbyterian presence in Princeton, she helped create liturgical banners hanging today in the Witherspoon Street and Nassau churches.

She is survived by Edgar B. Madsen, her husband of 44 years; a son, Neil Madsen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; a daughter, Amy Fast of Austin, Tex.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held December 29 at Nassau Presbyterian Church.

In honor of Mrs. Madsen's memory, her family has contributed to one of her favorite charities, The Trenton Children's Chorus, which provides musical training and educational encouragement to young people who might otherwise miss the opportunity.

Filip Forsbeck

Filip Forsbeck, 72, of Princeton, died December 24 at Merwick Rehab Hospital & Nursing Care.

Born in Chicago, Ill., he had lived in Princeton since 1946.

A graduate of Wesley College of Dover, Del., he retired after 42 years with the purchasing department as a mail carrier with Princeton University.

Son of the late Filip C. and Frances Anderson Forsbeck, he is survived by his wife, Carol Frothingham Forsbeck.

The funeral and burial were private.

Arrangements were under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Religion

Har Sinai Temple, Pennington, will host Har Sinai Day, an informational celebration of activities, events, services, and committees, on Sunday, January 27. The "meet and greet" event will be held in two sessions, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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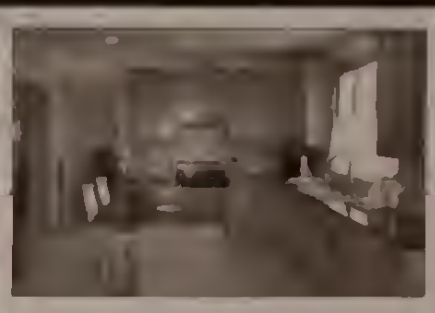

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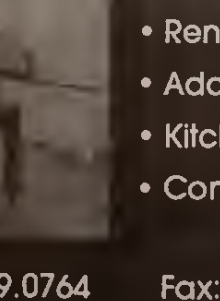

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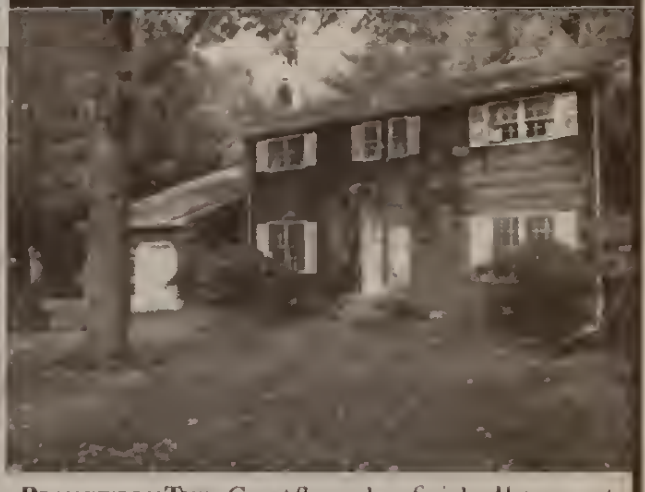

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